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Ryan strikes out with Blue Jays

BASEBALL Convinced B.J. Ryan will never again be an effective late-inning reliever, the Toronto Blue Jays released the two-time all-star yesterday rather than letting him fester unhappily on the roster.

The unexpected move, reminiscent of the sudden divorce from Frank Thomas last April 20, was made as new closer Scott Downs, one of Ryan's best friends on the team, was activated from the disabled list.

B.J. Ryan

Ryan, who was due roughly $5 million this season and $10 million next, gets what remained on the $47-million, five-year deal he signed in the winter of 2005, and is free to join any other club.

It's a shockingly quick fall from grace for the 33-year-old lefty, who recorded 32 saves last season after Tommy John surgery in 2007, but was reduced to mop-up duty in recent weeks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Protesting China **Uighurs and Turks rally at consulate**

COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local Uighurs and Turkish people protest yesterday outside the Chinese Consulate in Toronto over the crackdown of their people in China this week. Around 200 people chanted slogans and clashed with police when a Chinese flag was burned. The young woman was taken out of the crowd after allegedly throwing a water bottle at a man leaving the consulate.

TTC looks to transfer security to city police

CRIME The TTC is preparing to hand over the security of the transit system to the Toronto police, according to a report before the councillors on the Toronto Transit Commission today.

The plan comes at a time when new statistics show incidents of crime on the TTC increased only slightly last year — 0.4 per cent in 2008, compared with a 1.5 per cent increase in ridership and a four per cent increase in incidents the previous year.

The number of charges related to those incidents grew, however, by 11 per cent in 2008.

The plan to transfer transit security to the city's police force was recommended by the Toronto Police Services Board last month. It puts Toronto in the ranks of cities such as New York, where transit police carry guns, and Vancouver, where they use Tasers.

TTC special constables carry pepper foam and batons but no firearms or Tasers and a plan to consider arming them was dismissed last year.

It is unclear whether the TTC's approximately 100 special constables will receive further training to become police officers or whether the police will maintain an unarmed group of officers responsible for fare enforcement and other transit-specific duties, said TTC chief general manager Gary Webster. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Crime doesn't pay

From misdemeanours to felonies, numbers down across the city

Four years after the Summer of the Gun, Toronto police Chief Bill Blair is celebrating a nearly 30 per cent overall drop in crime.

"We have experienced crime reduction numbers in this city that are without precedence anywhere in North America," Blair said. "I can tell you that in the last three years, we have seen crime reductions in this city, significant crime reductions — almost a 30 per cent overall reduction in crime."

The only areas they haven't seen consistent "satisfactory" decreases in are some types of violent crime, Blair added, particularly in the number of shootings and homicides.

Although compared to this time last year, murder, sexual assault, and assault are all down by more than 10 per cent. As of July 4, there were 672 sexual assaults, compared to 796 at the same time last year. There were 8,368 assaults so far this year, but 9,412 in 2008.

7 Chief Blair credits the Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy and its $7 million in provincial funding for the drop.

Break and enters and auto thefts have also declined. The only spike in major crime — and it was a small one at two per cent — was in the number of robberies, to 2,190 this year from 2,142 last year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Security guards boot reporters from closed-door council session
With more than a half-dozen security officers guarding doors to the committee room where councillors met in closed-door session yesterday for a status update on the civic strike negotiations, reporters and camera operators were told to leave the second floor immediately. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Local company gets $13M Saudi contract

Klaus Nienkamper, left, says his furniture speaks for itself. And it must have spoken volumes to net him a $13 million contract from the king of Saudi Arabia. When it was time to display the pieces to the king's representatives in hopes of winning the bid to furnish the new King Abdullah University in Jeddah, the 68-year-old Nienkamper and his team weren't allowed to make any presentations. "They didn't want to hear from us. They just wanted to see the products," Nienkamper said. All the items for the Saudi university were manufactured in the Nienkamper factory in Scarborough. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Local Uighurs protest China

Muslim minority upset over crackdown after riots

Ethnic tension in China rippled into Toronto yesterday when local Uighur protesters burned a Chinese flag and threw water bottles at a Chinese man who taunted the crowd on his way to his car.

About 150 people gathered outside the Chinese consulate on St. George Street yesterday morning wearing T-shirts that said "Get out of our land!" and carrying graphic posters of Uighurs who were killed in China.

Local Uighurs say the Chinese government has since clamped down on their family and friends in the region, setting curfews and imprisoning people.

Despite organizers' attempts to keep the protest peaceful, a Chinese flag was set on fire by a protester and tossed over a barricade police had set up.

A scuffle broke out when officers moved in to stop the protester.

"(I did it because) they keep killing our people," said Anvar, who would only give his first name.

Things got rowdy again shortly after, when a Chinese man leaving the consulate heckled the crowd, inciting screams and raised fists. Protesters said they heard him say "Kill the Uighurs!" But the man, who wouldn't give his name, said he shouted "It's lunchtime."

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Background

- The protest was organized by the Uighur Canadian Society in response to Sunday's riots between the Muslim minority group and the dominant Han Chinese in Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang province. The unrest has claimed 156 lives.

News in brief

QUESTIONS Mississauga councillors have ended the city's public question period and Mayor Hazel McCallion said it's all thanks to one man. More than 30 years old, the council meeting tradition could not withstand the queries of self-styled citizen advocate Don Barber, who regularly pokes, prods and outrages councillors and city staff with his blunt questions and comments. Yesterday, councillors voted unanimously to end the mid-meeting practice of opening the floor to questions from the public.

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Royal visit **Japan's Emperor and Empress**

VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Their majesties' the Emperor and Empress of Japan arrive at the Fairmont Royal York, where they were greeted by young members of the local Japanese community .

Union rejects pay freeze proposal

T.O.CivicStrike

COMPENSATION The union representing the city's 6,200 striking outside workers has made it clear a proposed pay freeze this year and one per cent hike next year won't fly, according to an email message to city councillors obtained by Toronto Star.

"Local 416 is not prepared to accept a compensation scheme with zero in the first year and one per cent in the second," president Mark Ferguson said in the email.

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Correction

Geetesh Singh | Adam Bhagiratti

In Wednesday's paper, Metro incorrectly identified the photos of the two victims who died in a car crash Monday. Metro regrets the error and sincerely apologizes.

Edmonton police tip lead cops to porn bust

A child exploitation investigation that began in Edmonton led Toronto police to a downtown address, where police say they discovered a stash of child pornography and drugs. Robert Clum is charged with possessing child pornography, making child pornography and possession of controlled substances. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

U.S. war resister awaits judge's ruling

American war resister Kimberly Rivera says she's nervous, but hasn't given up hope she'll be allowed to remain in Canada.

The 27-year-old mother of three, who now lives in Toronto, made what might have been her final appearance yesterday in court.

Rivera, from Texas, deserted the U.S. army in 2007 because of her opposition to the war in Iraq.

She had been facing deportation and a likely court martial until a judge granted her an 11th-hour reprieve in March.

Now, the court is probing whether a Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration report from December 2007 adequately measured the potential risks Rivera could face if she were returned to the U.S.

"I'm more optimistic (than pessimistic)," said Rivera, flanked by dozens of anti-war supporters, as she cradled her seven-month-old daughter Katie in her arms outside the downtown Toronto courthouse, left.

Lawyers for Rivera and the government delivered their final arguments on the merits of the report yesterday in front of Judge James Russell.

Rivera's lawyer Alyssa Manning argued her client would more likely face a court martial and jail time — instead of a simple administrative discharge — because of her political opposition to the war. The report, Manning said, failed to account for this risk of "differential prosecution."

But that wasn't the only flaw, Manning said. The report also contained sections that were copied "word for word" from assessments carried out on two other war deserters four months earlier, she said.

"It's almost that the conclusion was reached before the evidence was even looked at," Manning said outside court.

Manning told court that 94 per cent of all army deserters are given administrative discharges, but not those who air their beliefs in public.

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Simcoe stunned at death of man in freak accident on QEW

CRASH Every once in a while, Richard Stewart, an accountant with an office in Caledonia, would drive to Toronto to meet his clients.

On Tuesday, too, he had a couple of appointments in the city.

He was in his Oldsmobile driving east on Queen Elizabeth Way near Highway 427 when a piece of metal hurtled "like a bullet" through the windshield, killing him instantly.

The 54-year-old grandfather, from the town of Simcoe southwest of Toronto, was killed instantly when a piece of scrap metal about the size of a licence plate and almost an inch thick flew into his car and struck him on the head minutes after 1:10 p.m.

Yesterday, his family was devastated and the small town was stunned.

"It's such a tragedy — everyone is in shock," said Sherry Tukacs, receptionist at Stewart's office for six years. "He was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

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Baby Kaylee battles on at Sick Kids

HEALTH Baby Kaylee is still struggling to feel better in Toronto's Sick Kids hospital as she continues to battle seizure-like symptoms.

"The only update that can be provided is nothing that suggests positive things," said Jason Wallace, Kaylee's father. "Really what the situation is that she is too unstable to do neurological testing … they are talking about putting her to sleep for the rest of these tests because she is not responding like the normal baby would."

Doctors would like to do this testing to determine the permanency of the uncontrolled head movements, eye-wincing and extremely high heart beats, ranging from 200 to 230 per minute, that has been plaguing Kaylee lately.

Kaylee

But to do so, the baby would need to be significantly sedated, which could have serious consequences.

"She will probably be required to be put to sleep to have this neurological testing because she is too unsettled for them to get a proper result," said Wallace.

He is willing to consider the testing if consequences aren't serious enough to put her into a coma.

Day to day Kaylee seems unhappy due to the pain and has a hard time remaining calm.

Kaylee was rushed back to hospital on Canada Day when she suffered what was thought to be a heart attack or a stroke.

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News in brief

OBIT Innovative, outspoken and influential, Sandy van Ginkel was "ahead of his time" in integrating the disciplines of architecture and urban planning. He died in his sleep at a Toronto nursing home Sunday, at the age of 89, after suffering from a series of strokes. The Amsterdam-born architect and planner is recognized internationally as a member of Team 10, a progressive group of architects who came together in the 1950s and challenged the orthodoxies of Modernism in the rebuilding of postwar Europe. Their beliefs were considered novel at the time.

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The union representing Canada Border Services Agency agents near Cornwall, the scene of an ongoing dispute over handguns, says the guards will not return to the posts. The international bridge in Cornwall was shut down on May 31 to avoid a potential safety risk to border officers THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Student employees from Centreville, wearing their turquoise Centreville shirts, organized a picket at Nathan Phillips Square yesterday just metres away from striking CUPE members. Without the ferries and the people, their summer employment is gone.

Centreville workers rally at City Hall

"Work it out so we can work!"

That was the catchy, rhythmic chant student employees from Centreville were using yesterday as they urged an end to the strike that has left them without work.

Wearing their turquoise 'Centreville' shirts, the students organized a lively picket at Nathan Phillips Square — their first — just a few yards away from striking CUPE members.

The students, who weren't blaming the city or CUPE, not publicly anyway, urged a resolution to the strike, saying they're caught in the middle.

Among a host of services affected by the work stoppage, ferry service to the Toronto Islands has been suspended, which forced the closing of Centreville, a popular amusement park operated by a family-run business. About 400 seasonal employees are out of work as a result.

Alicia Sayles, 21, an office foreman at Centreville entering her third year at York University in communications and humanities, said she's frustrated and feels helpless. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

OUTBREAK About 200 infectious disease experts have gathered in Toronto to discuss the H1N1 flu virus that has become a global pandemic. The meeting is aimed at sharing information from across the country and setting up research collaborations. Dr. Frank Plummer of the National Microbiology Lab in Winnipeg says experts need to find out why some people are getting only mild illness from this flu, but others are getting severely ill. He says a new concern is a different virus that has affected at least two hog farm workers in Saskatchewan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chinese urged to be donors

Steven Pho would be eight times more likely to beat his leukemia if he were Caucasian.

Being white wouldn't give the 23-year-old Chinese Canadian extra immunity to blood cancer, but it would boost his chances of finding a match in the stem cell and bone marrow registry.

As is true of other ethnic communities, the Chinese are grossly underrepresented in the pool of potential stem cell donors for patients suffering from life-threatening diseases such as lymphoma and myeloma, aplastic anemia and other immune dysfunctions and genetic disorders.

That's why a group of volunteers from the Chinese community got together last fall to found OtherHalf — Chinese Stem Cell Initiative to educate the community about stem cell donations and try to increase the number of prospective donors among Canada's 1.1 million residents with Chinese roots.

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Saving lives

• Since its October inception, the group has registered 1,800 more Chinese donors with a series of outreach events. More will be signed up at the Night It Up function at Markham's Metro Square this Friday and Saturday.

Roads closed as Indy speeds into T.O.

RACE The speeds on Lake Shore Boulevard West are about to increase dramatically as the Indy's need for speed descends on Toronto.

To prepare for the event, Lake Shore Boulevard West will be closed in both directions from Strachan Avenue to Ontario Drive.

This is an extended closure so the competing cars can practice today.

The section of the lakeside roadway won't reopen until the engines of the race cars have cooled late Sunday night.

Speeding cars aren't the only thing burning up Toronto streets. Salsa on St. Clair will close down St. Clair Avenue West from Christie Street to Winona Drive Saturday and Sunday.

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Health authorities need to keep on top of new flu virus: Expert

A brand new virus diagnosed in at least two Saskatchewan hog farm workers will likely burn out with those cases, but public health authorities need to keep a wary eye on the virus in case it spreads, a leading Canadian infectious disease expert warns. Dr. Frank Plummer stressed that the novel virus is not connected to the pandemic H1N1 flu strain. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Air Canada unveils 2010 plane

Olympic sponsor Air Canada has officially unveiled its Vancouver 2010-themed airplane, a behemoth of a Boeing 777 painted in bright Games colours and images. The plane will be used for long-haul trips, potentially on routes between Europe and Vancouver, which would be added specifically for the Games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IMF brightens forecast

Canada's growth will surpass that of U.S. in 2010: Report

The International Monetary Fund has brightened Canada's economic outlook, saying in its latest forecast that the country's economy will grow next year at twice the pace of the United States.

The new IMF report, however, cautions that the global recovery from the worst recession since the Second World War will be slow and modest and Canada's growth in 2010 will follow a major economic contraction this year.

For Canada, the IMF predicts the economy will shrink by 2.3 per cent this year and rebound to 1.6 per cent growth next year, four-tenths of a percentage point higher than its previous forecast in April.

The fund says the U.S. economy will retreat by 2.6 per cent this year, and grow at a tepid 0.8 per cent in 2010, a big improvement from its April projection of no growth for the United States.

CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi welcomes Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday as Harper arrives at the G8 Summit in L'Aquila, Italy.

The IMF's growth projections follow Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney's recent reported declaration that Canada will rebound at twice the pace of its southern neighbour. Although Carney still has the rebound significantly higher than the IMF, with Canadian growth hitting 2.5 per cent next year.

TD Bank economist Grant Bishop said the new numbers are roughly similar to the bank's in-house projections, but he questioned whether Canada can rebound at twice the rate of its biggest trading partner.

"It's difficult to have a rebound in our economy without an uptick in demand from our major export partner," Bishop said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM in wafer flap

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper consumed a communion wafer given to him by a Roman Catholic priest last week and did not put it in his pocket as critics allege, says a spokesman.

The prime minister has come under fire from a senior priest in New Brunswick, who is demanding an explanation about what happened to the wafer, which is considered sacred by the church and is supposed to be swallowed.

Harper accepted the wafer offered to him at the Roman Catholic funeral last Friday of former governor general Romeo LeBlanc in Memramcook, N.B.

Family reflects on fallen soldier

MILITARY A Canadian soldier killed Monday in Afghanistan is being remembered by his family as a proud military man with an infectious smile.

Master Cpl. Pat Audet's death came as a major blow to his family, who say he served his country with honour.

In a statement, his family remembered his sense of humour, his love of travel, deep-sea diving and passion for war history.

Relatives say he loved being a soldier and believed strongly in what he was doing in Afghanistan.

Pat Audet

Audet, along with Cpl. Martin Joannette, was killed in a helicopter crash northeast of Kandahar city that may have been the result of mechanical failure.

It was Audet's first tour in Afghanistan and Joannette's third. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Close call for federal jet after near-collision

AVIATION A government jet that transports high-level political and military VIPs, including the prime minister, was forced to dive out of the path of an oncoming jetliner in a dramatic near-collision over Western Canada.

Air Force officials are refusing to say what passengers were travelling onboard the military Challenger jet flying to Ottawa from Vancouver.

But everyone onboard both jets could owe their lives to a piece of high-tech equipment that sounded the alarm to the pilots of a possible collision, giving them precious seconds to take evasive action.

The military business jet and the Emirates Boeing 777-200 passed within 700 feet vertically after some last-minute manoeuvring.

"This would be considered close in our books," said Bill Yearwood, of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, which is investigating the April 24 incident.

"We believe that anytime you penetrate the bubble of protected airspace, this is a risk of collision, so we've got to take it seriously," said Yearwood, regional manager for air investigations in the board's Vancouver office. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Faceoff

- This incident was the airborne equivalent of a compact car facing off against a transport truck. The business jet weighs 18,779 kilograms while the mammoth Boeing 777, with a wingspan stretching 64.8 metres, weighs 347,450 kilograms when fully loaded.

Pakistani woman found hidden in truck from U.S.

BORDER Three people are charged after a 24-year-old Pakistani woman was discovered hidden in a truck crossing the U.S. border into Canada.

The Canada Border Services Agency says a commercial truck driven by 43-year-old Francis Iyare, from Brampton, was pulled over at the Thousand Islands border crossing June 19.

The truck was X-rayed by border officers and they say the image of a person inside was clearly visible.

Border services says Fatima Naseeb, a Pakistani national who was visiting the United States, was found in the truck.

She pleaded guilty on Monday to an offence under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and was sent back to the U.S.

Iyare and a third person, Shanaz Mahamood Bhatti, 54, are also charged with Immigration and Refugee Protection Act offences. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Uighur supporters take a stand

KARL WUFFER/METRO CANADA

A woman takes part in a rally yesterday in front of the Chinese Consulate in Vancouver to support China's Uighur minority against ethnic violence in Xinjiang province.

News in brief

CRIME Montreal police say there is a decrease in crime connected to gangs; however, crime in general has increased in Montreal in the first six months of 2009. Assistant police Chief Jacques Robinette says police have conducted 64 street gang investigations, including five major operations that have resulted in numerous arrests. Police have also seized 52 weapons and large quantities of cash. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario stands by Pride funding

CONFLICT Queen's Park is proud of its $300,000 contribution to Toronto Pride Week — in sharp contrast to the consternation in Ottawa over a $397,500 federal donation to the popular gay and lesbian festival.

"I can't speak for my colleagues in Ottawa, whatever their political stripe, but I can say that we take pride in investing in Pride," Premier Dalton McGuinty told reporters in Windsor.

While support for an attraction that brings in hundreds of thousands of tourists and boosts the Toronto economy is a no-brainer for the provincial Liberals, it's a headache for Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives.

That's because social conservatives, led by Tory MP Brad Trost, have complained the federal government should not be investing in "events that are polarizing or events that are more political than touristic in nature." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Injured horse destroyed at Calgary Stampede
A horse at the Calgary Stampede had to be destroyed after breaking a leg Tuesday night during a chuckwagon race. Earlier this week, a horse that had just completed a race died of a heart attack. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Space **A high degree of praise**

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Astronaut Robert Thirsk, wearing his convocation hood, is applauded by students in Calgary yesterday after being granted an honorary degree by the University of Calgary via video link from the International Space Station. Thirsk, 55, who was 400 kilometres above the Earth, is the first Canadian to spend six months in space.

Construction spells success?

Government cash will help the industry beat recession, report says

Forget the global recession. There's some hope a-building ...

Ontario's construction industry appears to be a bright light at the end of the fiscal tunnel.

Proposed government spending should help the industry weather the recession better than many other sectors, says the Construction Sector Council.

Its cheery outlook is contained in a detailed report on labour market trends in the industry in Ontario from 2009 to 2017.

While the recession has weakened housing and industrial activity, other construction sectors are expected to take up some of the employment slack due to increased government spending on highways, bridges and other projects, the report said.

"The GTA will lead the province in construction employment."
Council's report

"Employment numbers should remain steady as several proposed major infrastructure projects across Ontario come on-line," said council chief George Gritziotis.

The council even forecast 135,000 new jobs over the next decade.

"The GTA will lead the province in construction employment over the next few years," the report said.

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Watchdog fines two telemarketers

PRIVACY The CRTC says it has dealt out its first fines to telemarketers for violating the national do-not-call registry, pegging two unnamed companies.

The regulator said yesterday both firms have 30 days to pay fines or contest the charges.

As long as they don't dispute the fines, they will remain anonymous under the regulator's policy.

"Although most telemarketers are abiding by the rules, we will use the enforcement tools at our disposal to promote compliance," said spokesperson Leonard Katz in a release.

"The notices of violation we have issued serve as a warning to telemarketers that we will not look the other way if they break the rules and invade the privacy of consumers."

The service launched in September 2008, and proved to be so popular that it crashed the registration website and tied up the phone lines.

Since then, the list has come under some scrutiny by the Consumers Association of Canada, which says scam artists have purchased the registry lists and used them as a resource.

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Please don't call

- The do-not-call list is a free service that allows people to cut out unwanted telemarketing calls.
- Once a number is on the list, telemarketers aren't allowed to call it, or they'll face fines.
- The maximum fine is $1,500 for individual telemarketers and $15,000 for companies.

Olympic 'halo' set to fade?

GAMES The 2010 Olympics will bring some economic benefits to Canada, but don't count on the event to have a long-lasting "halo effect," warns the Conference Board of Canada.

Paul Darby, the board's chief economist, said there will be "an Olympic effect" from the Games that will drive growth in British Columbia by about 3.3 per cent in 2010, more than any other province.

He also said foreign spending in Canada is expected to rise 7 per cent next year, driven by economic activity around the Games.

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Paris Hilton trial over film promotion rooted in Ponzi scheme

Paris Hilton, 28, is expected to testify in a U.S. lawsuit set to go to trial today which contends she didn't do enough to promote the 2006 movie Pledge This!. The lawsuit stems from an effort to repay people ripped off in what investigators say was a Ponzi scheme she had no part in. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Illicit liquor kills 43 workers in India

Tainted home-brewed liquor that poor workers living in slums drank over the weekend has left at least 43 dead in India, police said yesterday. Another 23 were battling for their lives in three hospitals in Ahmadabad, said the director-general of state police. Deaths from drinking illegal alcohol are common in India, where few people can afford licensed liquor. Known locally as desi daru, illicit liquor is often spiked with pesticides or chemicals to increase its potency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN The United Nations says Afghan women in government and other prominent public roles are increasingly being harassed and threatened with violence. The UN report says the women are being targeted by insurgents, Islamic hardliners and, in some cases, groups within the Afghan government. It also says rape is widespread in all parts of the country.

ABUSE Police in Vermont say a man spent almost six years sexually abusing a boy whom he hit, threatened and locked in a bedroom with a homemade alarm system while denying him food and water. Thirty-seven-year-old Robert Pratt pleaded not guilty to sex charges and unlawful restraint Tuesday. He is being held without bail. Now 17, the boy lived with Pratt until September, when he moved in with his mother and revealed what had been happening since 2003.

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Troops move in

Thousands of Chinese troops flooded into Urumqi yesterday to separate feuding ethnic groups after three days of communal violence left 156 people dead, and a senior Communist Party official vowed to execute those guilty of murder in the rioting in western China.

Long convoys of armoured cars and green troop trucks with riot police rumbled through the city of 2.3 million people. Other security forces carrying automatic rifles with bayonets formed cordons to defend Muslim neighbourhoods from marauding groups of vigilantes with sticks. Military helicopters buzzed over Xinjiang's regional capital, dropping pamphlets urging people to stay in their homes and stop fighting. Special police from other provinces were called in to patrol the city.

A protester shouts slogans against China in Paris yesterday.

The crisis was so severe that President Hu Jintao cut short a trip to Italy, where he was to participate in the G8 summit. It was an embarrassing move for a leader who wants to show that China has a harmonious society as it prepares to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Communist rule.

Officials have said 156 people were killed as the Turkic-speaking Uighurs ran amok Sunday, beating and stabbing Han Chinese.

The Uighurs allege that trigger-happy security forces gunned down many of the protesters, and officials have yet to give an ethnic breakdown of those killed.

Li Zhi, the highest-ranking Communist Party official in Urumqi, said that some of the rioters were university students who were misled and didn't understand what they were doing. They would be treated leniently, he said, as long as they weren't involved in serious acts of violence and vandalism. But Li added: "To those who committed crimes with cruel means, we will execute them."

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Scientists claim to create sperm

STEM CELL British scientists claimed yesterday to have created human sperm from stem cells but other experts questioned their data.

Researchers at Newcastle University and the North-East England Stem Cell Institute say they used a new technique to derive what they described as sperm cells from embryonic stem cells. Stem cells have the potential to become any cell in the body.

But many other British experts cast doubt on the research. They also said the sperm cells created in the laboratory were clearly abnormal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Infertility help?

- Research leader Karim Nayernia said yesterday that the technique would allow researchers to study how sperm develops and possibly help develop treatments for infertile men.

Cyber attack much broader

TARGETS The powerful cyber attack that overwhelmed computers and websites at American and South Korean government agencies this week was even broader than initially realized, also targeting the White House, the Defence Department and the New York Stock Exchange, according to early analysis.

Many of the organizations appeared to successfully blunt the sustained computer assaults. South Korean intelligence said yesterday it believes that North Korea or sympathizers in the South were behind the attacks.

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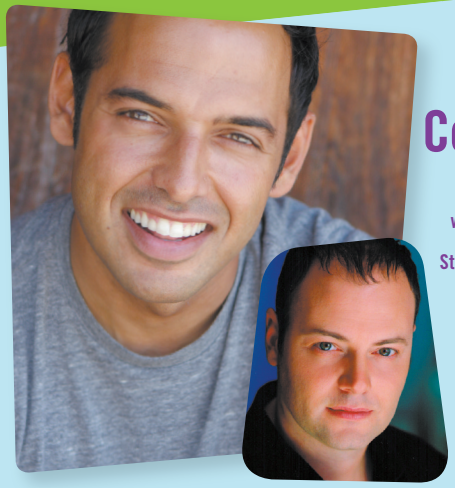

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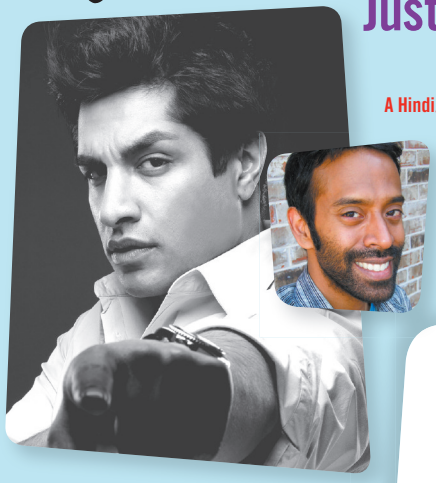

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Seven beat rap in billion-dollar crime case
A Swiss court has acquitted seven defendants in an organized crime trial, clearing them of laundering more than $1 billion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Divorce turns sour

Ex-wife a hostage in 13-hour standoff: Reports

A bomb squad searched the smouldering site of a suburban Connecticut home for signs of explosives yesterday, a day after a 13-hour standoff.

In the standoff, advertising executive Richard Shenkman reportedly held his ex-wife hostage.

Shenkman, 60, came out a back door as flames destroyed the South Windsor house he once shared with Nancy Tyler.

Police believe the fire was set by Shenkman shortly after they fired pepper spray bullets into the home.

"She's very stressed out and hopefully can just pull herself back together quickly."
John Harvey Jr., Nancy Tyler's lawyer

There was no confirmation of explosives yesterday, but there were indications — including "some wires and some other odd items," police said.

Shenkman was in hospital being treated for smoke inhalation.

He was expected to be arraigned on attempted murder, kidnapping, arson and other charges.

Meanwhile, Tyler, 57, was with relatives, said her lawyer, John Harvey Jr.

"She's very stressed out and hopefully can just pull herself back together quickly," he said.

Shenkman and Tyler had three years of contentious divorce proceedings. They married in 1993.

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Indonesia **They voted — here's proof**

DAVID LONGSTREATH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Women show off their ink-stained fingers in Jakarta yesterday after voting in Indonesia's presidential election. More than 176 million Indonesians went to the polls. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono looked certain to win a second term after exit polls gave him a huge lead.

News in brief

DEADLY RITE Health officials say 37 boys have died following traditional circumcisions in South Africa since June 1, with 13 deaths in the past week alone. Circumcision of youths in their late teens is a rite of passage for many in the Xhosa tribe. Doctors have removed boys from illegal "initiation schools."

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Border battles flare in Russia

INSURGENCY Police and security forces battled insurgents in Russia's violent North Caucasus region yesterday as fighting flared along the border between Ingushetia and Chechnya.

Officials said troops were searching forested areas along the border Tuesday night when 20 gunmen opened fire. Troops clashed again yesterday with what was believed to be the same group of militants.

Ingushetia has suffered most in the mounting fighting, blamed on criminal groups, ethnic feuds and spillover violence from Chechnya. Ingushetia's president was severely wounded in a suicide bombing last month.

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Invitation to participate in an online survey for Engineers trained in Canadian Universities

Dr. Usha George (Faculty of Community Services, Ryerson University) and Dr. Esme Fuller-Thomson (Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto), are conducting a study on the experiences of foreign trained and Canadian trained engineers in looking for and finding suitable employment in the field of engineering. The findings of the study will help create awareness among policy makers on the experiences of foreign and locally trained engineers in finding suitable employment in Canada.

You are eligible to participate in the online survey if you:

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Toronto firm wins $1.68M dinner date with Buffett

Billionaire investor Warren Buffett will dine at New York's Smith & Wollensky steak house with eight guests hand-picked by Salida Capital after the Toronto-based investment firm made a winning bid of $1.68 million US in a charity auction last month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Quebec to fight regulator plan

COURT The Quebec government is heading to the province's Court of Appeal to block Ottawa's plan to establish a national securities regulator. The province wants the court to state that securities are of provincial jurisdiction and any federal intrusion violates the Constitution.

Alberta and Manitoba also support the current system, which allows each province to set regulations for securities trading and investment. Quebec says the financial crisis has demonstrated that the regulation of securities is most effective when it is not centralized.

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In brief

FLIGHTS WestJet Airlines is adding 11 new destinations in the U.S. and the Caribbean next winter. The Calgary-based airline said it will add flights to the U.S. destinations of Lihue, Hawaii; Miami, Fla., and Atlantic City, N.J. Its new international destinations will be Varadero, Cayo Coco and Holguin in Cuba; Ixtapa and Cozumel in Mexico; St. Martin; Providenciales, Turks and Caicos; and Freeport, Bahamas.

LOSSES Air Canada will face large losses over the next two years despite its new customer-friendly strategy, an airline analyst said yesterday. Fadi Chamoun of UBS projects said the carrier will post an adjusted loss of $6.03 per share for 2009 and $2.46 in 2010.

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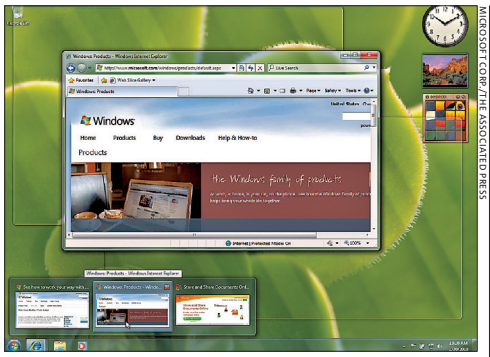

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A screen shot of Microsoft Corp.'s upcoming Windows 7.

Google takes aim at Microsoft

BROWSER Google is working on an operating system for inexpensive netbook computers that are becoming popular among consumers primarily interested in surfing the web.

That is a direct challenge to Microsoft, whose next operating system, Windows 7, is being geared for netbooks as well.

Google's new system will be based on the nine-month-old web browser, Chrome. Google intends to rely on help from the community of open-source programmers to develop the Chrome operating system, which is expected to begin running computers in the second half of 2010.

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T.O. dodges housing crash

Expert points to low rates

Houses in Canada have become much more affordable in the past three months, says a report yesterday from the Royal Bank with the bank's housing affordability index making one of the biggest quarterly improvements on record.

"This has opened the door more widely to new buyers and set the stage for a resale market rally this spring," said RBC senior economist Robert Hogue.

"While it is still too early to wave the all-clear sign — economic uncertainty has yet to dissipate in the region — it appears the Toronto housing market is averting the painful crash scenario," he said.

The biggest reason: Low interest rates. Following a dismal drop to a 10-year low during the fall and winter, resale activity has bounced back this year, as buyers, particularly first-time buyers, have flocked to the market, lured by low monthly payments.

In the Toronto market, said RBC, it took on average 45.9 per cent of pre-tax household income to afford a $417,000 bungalow in the first quarter of this year, down from 51.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2008. The lower the measure, the easier it is to afford a home.

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Coping with loss of man's best friend

Relating

Mojo was the dear dog of a dear friend, a pit bull of undetermined but advanced age that finally caught up with her the week before last.

She was small, but had the musculature of her breed, matched with the sweetest of dispositions. Indeed, Mojo could be fairly characterized as a complete suck and a chronic worrier, skinny wee legs scrabbling anxiously whenever she crossed a slippery, uncarpeted floor in a desperate run for the couch and a cuddle.

She was a one-dog rebuttal of the Ontario government's legislative restrictions on pit bulls, a moronic crackdown on a whole breed of dog anecdotally believed to be bad instead of on bad dogs.

Mojo would no sooner bite someone than scandalize them by reciting a dirty limerick, but wore her legally-mandated, stigmatizing Hannibal Lecter muzzle anyway, with minimal complaint.

The old girl's winter was not a good one, and spring wasn't much better. She lost her appetite and a lot of weight. Her energy was low, her immune system was not what it used to be.

On the web

- For more views on relating, go to Love Bytes at metronews.ca/blogs

Last month, it got worse.

Compounding this heartache is it is usually up to the owner to decide when the poor pooch has had enough and pre-empt any more suffering with a final car ride to the steel table and the needle.

Also not always helping is the vet — professional and reasonably compassionate, but at the end of the day there to make a buck. Want to be with your beloved pet as she dies? That will cost extra. Why? It certainly costs the vet no more, but if it's important to you, you'll pay.

The condolences to my friend have been plentiful and sincere, in particular from other dog owners.

Dog people know how much goodbye hurts and that it's never far away. Dogs age so quickly, so inevitably, from callow to codger right before your eyes in a handful of summers. Maybe the brevity of our time together is the lesson: Life's short, so let's chase some squirrels right friggin' now!

The surprising thing about dog people is how they're willing to get their hearts broken like this and then start all over again.

Other dogs will come and cruelly go, but there was only one Mojo.

Requiescat in pace.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Technology and spying go hand in hand

ModernLife

Recently, a woman brought her car into one of those newfangled surveillance shops, convinced her husband was spying on her. Sure enough, a quick peek underneath the frame turned up a tracking device. Was divorce next? Nope. She simply had it removed — c'est la vie for the course of love these days — and her suspicious husband arrived the next week demanding to have another device installed.

These days it's so easy to spy on your lover, cheating of the past seems downright quaint. While watching an old episode of Melrose Place recently, I gasped as a doctor phoned his wife to say he was working late whilst winking at his lover. Call display would surely out him. And get this: I cheered when I realized it couldn't be part of the plot line because it hadn't been invented when that series was shot! It's not that I support cheating, I just hate the rampant invasion of privacy — even when it comes to sex. Let me rephrase that: Especially when it comes to sex!

If it's any comfort, cellphones make it easier to cheat. They let you pretend you're walking the dog when you're actually showing off your latest Victoria's Secret purchase to Hugo (explains the growling in the background).

One friend knew her husband had draped voice-activated tape machines around her house and car so she tailored her conversations accordingly. "I just love him so much — he's so good to me" she'd chirp, making fake plans with her friends and then drive to her lover's. Her fun wasn't just infidelity, it was outwitting her prison guard-like husband.

Just as teenagers blow a curfew because it exists, the same goes for cheating. If you're trapped in some technological cage, you'll be as determined as Prison Break's Lincoln Burrows to outwit the authorities.

I remember Tom Robbins asking in Still Life With Woodpecker — how do you make love stay?

I bet he never thought the answer would be a GPS tracker.

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Thief makes off with autographed Crosby pic

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Sports

Koivu going to California

Saku Koivu, left, officially ended his time in Montreal yesterday, signing a one-year deal with the Anaheim Ducks. Terms of the deal were not released. Koivu, a native of Turku, Finland, played his first 13 seasons in Montreal. He was named team captain on Sept. 30, 1999, and held the title for the last 10 years, equalling Jean Beliveau as the longest-serving captain in Habs history. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Raptors lock up Bargnani with 5-year extension

SOCCER The Toronto Raptors have locked up Italian forward Andrea Bargnani to a five-year contract extension.

The deal is reported to be worth an estimated $50 million US over five seasons starting in 2010-11.

"Andrea has worked very hard to establish himself as a top-flight, multi-dimensional big man in the NBA," Raptors general manager Bryan Colangelo said in a statement. "He overcame a rough start last season to emerge as a primary scorer for us, and we anticipate quite a bit more from him in the future."

Bargnani averaged career-highs of 15.4 points, 5.3 rebounds, 1.24 blocked shots and 31.4 minutes in 78 games last season.

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Blue Jays **Lind strikes again**

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Toronto Blue Jays' Adam Lind rounds the bases after his first-inning home run last night against the Tampa Bay Rays. For a complete game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

Olympic boost to fade

The 2010 Olympics will bring some economic benefits to Canada, in particular B.C., but don't count on the event to have a long-lasting "halo effect," the Conference Board of Canada warned yesterday.

VANCOUVER 2010 **Games**

Paul Darby, the board's chief economist, said there will be "an Olympic effect" from the Games that will drive growth in British Columbia by about 3.3 per cent in 2010, more than any other province.

He also said foreign spending in Canada is expected to rise seven per cent next year, after having fallen for years, driven by economic activity around the Games to be hosted by Vancouver and Whistler, B.C.

However, Darby said the economic impact will fade within two to three years.

"From the research we've done on previous Games, that Olympic fever, or halo effect, wears off fairly quickly," Darby told a ski industry conference in Whistler.

While the 2010 Games will provide an international showcase for Canada, and in particular the Vancouver area, "don't count on that advertising to last for 10 years," Darby added.

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TFC's offer to JDG worth $14M over two years: Source

SOCCER Following his appearance on the It's Called Football show Monday, speculation over Julian De Guzman's future with Toronto FC has run rampant.

Conflicting reports have surfaced over the last two days — either linking him to a 3½-year deal worth $10 million, said to be 90 per cent completed — or suggesting he has no intention of signing and wants to play in Europe next season.

Julian De Guzman

It's Called Football sources have now confirmed the offer from Toronto FC is actually worth $14 million over two seasons, tied to player incentives, with an opt-out clause for De Guzman, should he choose to return to Europe.

De Guzman, who told It's Called Football Monday that he would have a decision "within a week" for Toronto FC, has been given "until the end of the Gold Cup" by Toronto management to make a decision — but, as expected, is leaning heavily towards a return to Europe, providing he receives a firm offer by the end of the month.

The Gold Cup final is July 26 in Chicago.

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Watch the original interview with DeGuzman and interim national head coach Stephen Hart at: **metronews.ca/blogs**

McNair victim of murder-suicide: Cops

SHOOTING Former NFL star Steve McNair was shot dead in his sleep last week by a 20-year-old girlfriend distraught about mounting financial problems and her belief he was seeing someone else, police said yesterday.

Investigators may never know why Sahel Kazemi shot McNair four times as he dozed on a sofa early Saturday before turning the gun on herself, Police Chief Ronal Serpas said.

But interviews with friends revealed she was making payments on two cars, her rent was doubling and she suspected the married McNair was having a second affair with another young woman.

Police earlier had labelled McNair's death a homicide, but waited for further tests and the revelations about Kazemi's personal problems before concluding that she pulled the trigger in a condominium McNair rented with a friend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

TOUR DE FRANCE Thomas Voeckler of France claimed a solo victory yesterday in the fifth Tour de France stage. Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland retained the yellow leader's jersey, while seven-time champion Lance Armstrong is second overall, by a fraction of a second.

NBA The Boston Celtics have signed veteran forward Rasheed Wallace. Boston announced the move yesterday, the first day teams were allowed to sign free agents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

This book's a winner
Niagara Cooks, from Farm to Table cookbook by Niagara's Food and Wine Writer Lynn Ogryzlo and Food Photographer, Jon Ogryzlo won Best Local Food Cookbook in Canada (English) at the Gourmand Wworld Cookbook Awards ceremony in Paris, France. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Food

Peaches are picked when mature but firm for the journey to market; most will need a little extra ripening at home.

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Ripening
Keep them at room temperature out of direct sun until ripening begins. Sealing them in a paper bag can speed the process.

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Canadian Living recipe of the month

Pork dinner, peach dessert

The two dishes in this meal features light, fruity flavours

Lemon Mint Pork Tenderloin

SERVES 4-6
PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) grated lemon rind
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) each lemon juice, extra-virgin olive oil and liquid honey
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh mint
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 pork tenderloins (each 12 oz/375 g)
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and pepper

METHOD:

In large bowl, whisk together lemon rind and juice, oil, honey, mint and garlic. Add pork, turning to coat; cover and refrigerate for 10 minutes or for up to 8 hours.

Place pork on greased grill over medium-high heat; brush with any remaining marinade. Close lid and grill, turning once, until juices run clear when pork is pierced and just a hint of pink remains inside, 15 to 20 minutes.

Transfer to cutting board and tent with foil; let stand for 5 minutes before carving into 1 cm-thick slices. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Peach and Blackberry Cornmeal Cobbler

SERVES 6-8

If you can't find any blackberries, use raspberries instead. Serve warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream for a homey and comforting dessert.

Canadian peaches are available from mid-July through late September.

INGREDIENTS:
- 7 cups (1.75 L) sliced pitted peeled firm ripe peaches
- 1 cup (250 ml) blackberries
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) cornstarch
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice

Cornmeal topping:
- 1 cup (250 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) cornmeal
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) granulated sugar
- 1 tsp (5 ml) grated lemon rind
- 1 tsp (5 ml) baking powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) baking soda
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) cold unsalted butter, cubed
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) milk

METHOD:

In large bowl, gently toss together peaches, blackberries, sugar, cornstarch and lemon juice; scrape into 8-inch (2 L) square glass baking dish.

Cornmeal topping:

In large bowl, whisk together flour, cornmeal, sugar, lemon rind, baking powder, baking soda and salt; using pastry blender or two knives, cut in butter until crumbly. Drizzle with milk, stirring to form soft, sticky dough. Drop topping by 1 tbsp (15 mL) onto peach mixture.

Bake in 375°F (190°C) oven until bubbly and biscuits are golden and no longer doughy underneath when lifted, about 50 minutes.

- Make-ahead: Let cool. Cover loosely with foil and refrigerate for up to 24 hours; reheat in 350°F/180°C oven for about 30 minutes.

For a crisp Classic Coleslaw Plus recipe, see page 14 ››

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Food in brief

FRESH, LOCAL Canadian peaches are available from mid-July through late September.

TYPES Peaches fall into two major categories: Clingstone and freestone. Clingstone peaches have firm flesh that clings to the pit and are the first peaches available in summer. Freestone peaches are available later in the season and have softer flesh that separates easily from the pit. While there is no difference in taste, freestone peaches are easier to cook with.

BEST PICK When buying peaches, look for fruit that's relatively firm but yields to a gentle touch, with a smooth skin, sweet aroma and clear, creamy yellow background. The pink blush on a peach tells its variety, not its ripeness.

STORING Ripe fruit should be stored in a single layer in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

FOR RECIPES As a guide, 3 to 4 medium peaches equal 1 lb (500 g) or 2 cups (500 mL) sliced. A 3 L basket contains about 5 lb (2.2 kg).

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Koolsla, anyone?
"Cole" comes from the Latin "colis," meaning cabbage. The name "coleslaw" is credited to the Dutch, who would make koolsla, translated as cabbage salad. Nowadays, slaw refers to any type of shredded salad. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Classic Coleslaw Plus

Stay away from the creamy stuff and you'll be healthier and wealthier.

We often toss the cabbage et al with a bit of mayo, but there's definitely a place for this old-fashioned, vinegary dressing. What would a picnic or barbecue be without a tub of this frugal, crunchy, cabbage salad?

Classic coleslaw recipes call for white vinegar and are sweetened beyond the bounds of modern tastes. This recipe is updated with apple cider vinegar and cuts the amount of sugar. Although some versions contain no oil, it adds an appealing slipperiness to the texture.

As for the cabbage, it must be shredded properly — or, rather, shaved thinly. Using a long, sharp knife or even a mandolin ensures a better texture than going the faster, food processor route. Processors are apt to shred the cabbage too finely. You may wind up with that sort of ultra-chopped, pre-chewed appearance that makes some fast-food coleslaw so repulsive. Shredding too small also brings out the bitterness in cabbage.

Some cooks add red cabbage for colour, but these red onion slivers look and taste good. Parsley and green bell pepper are not traditional additions, either, but they freshen and lighten this hearty salad.

Truth be told, coleslaw is only good in the fridge for up to seven days. After that, it develops a metallic flavour.

Keys to coleslaw

- Small cabbages are better candidates for coleslaw.
- Before shredding the cabbage, cut it into quarters; slice out the cores at an angle. Use shaving motions to shred the cabbage.
- Use a mandolin to get the thinnest slices of celery and red onion. A box grater or food processor is fine for shredding the carrot.
- If you're in a hurry, you can start with bagged coleslaw mixture.
- You can use white vinegar if desired.
- The cabbage must wilt properly. Immediately pour the boiling dressing over it and stir it in.
- It's best to let freshly prepared coleslaw sit overnight in the fridge.
- When storing coleslaw, invert the tub occasionally to keep the dressing distributed.
- Serve coleslaw with a slotted spoon to drain excess dressing.

Classic Coleslaw Plus

You can substitute 1/4 teaspoon mustard powder for the mustard seeds.

INGREDIENTS:

Slaw:

- 1 lb (450 g) thinly shredded green cabbage (about 1/2 small head)
- 1 stalk celery, thinly sliced
- 1 carrot, shredded
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1/2 green bell pepper, cut in 1/4-inch dice

Dressing:

- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar (or plain white vinegar)
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp mustard seeds
- 1/4 tsp pepper

METHOD:

For slaw, toss ingredients in large tub with airtight lid.

For dressing, stir together ingredients in small pan. Bring to boil over medium-high heat.

Immediately pour dressing over cabbage mixture. Toss and refrigerate, preferably overnight.

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Grilling grapes

With queries regarding my favourite Michael Jackson performance finally petering out (and for the record it's The Jacksons' Blame It on The Boogie) my July begins to return to normal with every second person asking me: "What's a good wine to serve at my next barbecue?"

Now when someone rolls ever grilling opportunity in the singular description of "barbecue" I assume they really mean hamburgers and hotdogs rather than a well planed menu worthy of Bobby Flay.

The trouble with finding a liquid partner for burgers and weenies is all the extras. Ketchup, relish, mustard and spicy sauces can generally work out a compromise with medium dry white wines (and cold beer) but they can wreak havoc on a red.

Reds that are gulpable (like a fine brew) make the best match and the **2006 Fish Eye Shiraz ($8.95 - $10.99)** from California fits the bill with its soft, cherry/red licorice sweetness, subtle tannins and fresh flavour trail.

While **Peter Lehmann's 2005 Clancy's Red ($17.99 - $19.87)** is an Aussie meld of shiraz, cabernet sauvignon and merlot it isn't your typical Barossa Valley bruiser. Well-balanced and plum-infused it makes nice with even the most aggressive condiments.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

Food in brief

THIS SUMMER the Ontario Science Centre is inviting six celebrity chefs to take part in Food Science — Unearthed a special weekend event, part of the new program — FOOD: Sink Your Teeth into Science. All summer, visitors can explore the relationship between food and science through a wide variety of demonstrations, experiences and workshops, all included with the price of admission. Starting Saturday, July 11, Food Science — Unearthed will feature a different celebrity chef each weekend. Using local produce and other select ingredients, the chefs will prepare recipes while food scientists discuss the scientific processes involved in the creation and preparation of the dishes. Visit ontariosciencecentre.ca

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Local **Savour**

Daybreak Diner
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This window-walled diner on the corner of Church and Carlton streets feeds the soul of people watchers — it even offers a narrow little patio on the sidewalk of one of Toronto's most colourful neighbourhoods.

And true omelette lovers will weep with the make-your-own possibilities — yes, you can rack up enough toppings to rival a pizza, and yes the price will match, but there's something truly decadent about a football-sized omelette arriving at your table.

Summer hours sees this typically brunch-only diner now open until 10 p.m. — check out the new fish'n'chips or the famed pizza.

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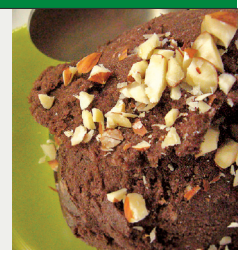

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Style

Tautou vs. Lagerfeld

It's funny to see what qualifies as fighting words in the world of fashion. Karl Lagerfeld is less than impressed with Chanel No. 5 spokeswoman and Coco Avant Chanel star Audrey Tautou after she dismissively confessed to only "sometimes" wearing the brand in an interview with the French magazine, Premiere. She then recalled that she "wore the rain boots" that morning. Lagerfeld's reply: "I didn't even know we made rain boots. After that, I don't have to be nice." KENYA HUNT/METRO WORLD NEWS

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Spin right round

Fashions that defined an era — an ode to '80s musical acts

TREND As the '80s roar back into town in all their acid-washed and neon glory, one can't help but notice how many musical acts built their legacy on these looks. This was no doubt helped by MTV — the prevailing medium that spread the message. Some of the biggest acts of that decade cultivated their persona with these looks and will be remembered, if not for their vocal talents, at least for the fashions that defined that era.

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Wayfayers
These became a pop culture phenom thanks to the movie Risky Business, but many musicians got into the act, too. (Sunglasses, $35, Little Burgundy).

Leggings
Cyndi Lauper and Madonna favoured lace leggings under their skirts, but others just wore leggings with a shoulder padded T-shirt. (Graffiti leggings, $24.95, H&M).

Military
Michael Jackson was the captain of the military brigade, with his Sgt. Pepper jackets, giant epaulettes and military-style badges and patches. (Military pin, $8, Aldo Accessories).

Acid- and stone-washed denim
Hard-core rock bands, including Bon Jovi, Guns N' Roses and Poison, went on acid trips in their attire, but so did their legions of groupies in acid-washed jean jackets and mini skirts. (Acid wash jean jacket, $69.95, H&M).

Torn-neck sweat shirt
Madonna and others took to wearing a torn-neck oversized sweat shirt and also cropped the bottom to expose an aerobics-toned tummy. (Sweat shirt, $170, Holt Renfrew).

Hoops
Sade, one smooth operator, made the oversized gold hoops cool. (Plastic hoop earrings, $3.95, H&M).

Pointed-toe pumps
It was the shoe of the decade with everyone from Whitney Houston to the girls of Bananarama working the stiletto pump. (Pumps, $80, Aldo).

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Dior's Haute Couture Fall Winter 2009-2010 fashion collection.

Half-dressed Dior models in Paris

NEW COLLECTION Christian Dior designer John Galliano went back to the fashion house's foundations this week, sending out a winter 2010 haute couture collection that paired the opulent New Look skirt suits with bras, bustiers, corsets and garter belts.

Half-dressed models in waspwaisted jackets with outrageous bouffant sleeves and flesh-coloured garter belts, or in pouffy skirts heavy with beadwork and pointy 1950s-era bras, loped languidly through the labyrinthine showrooms at Dior's Paris flagship store, where the runway show was held. The innerwear-as-outerwear look extended as far as the shoes, black heels fitted with a network of bra- and garter straps. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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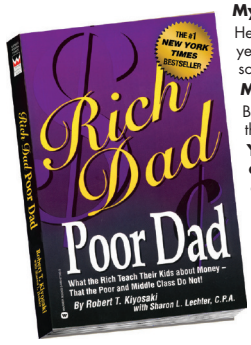

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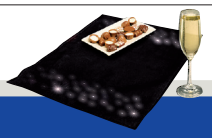

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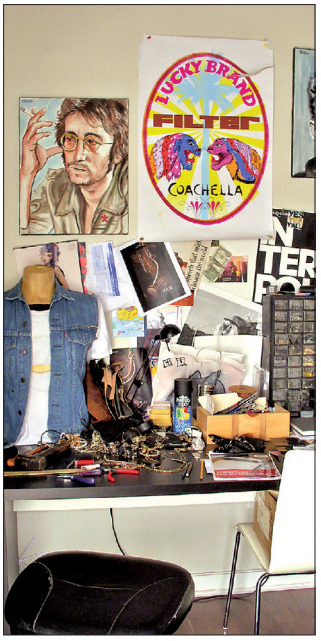

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Seen here are some shots of this week's Your Space featured abode in the Fashion District.

In the loft shared by artists and childhood friends Michael Mercanti and Joey Gatto, open-concept equates an open mind.

"It's really important that it's open," said Mercanti, creator of local jewelry line Speech. "Both of us are artists and we can just come into this open space and bounce ideas off of each other. If you're an artist or creative, I think it helps your mind flow because there are no walls."

A long, dark hardwood table flows through the centre of the roommates' space; a centre point that draws together their foyer, kitchen and living area. And while it may be a zone of creativity for Mercanti and Gatto, the versatile area also doubles as a dance floor, with a disco ball overhead. "We actually just had a little Michael Jackson dance party," said Mercanti.

"We moved (the table) against the wall and the dance floor was actually pretty big."

A large, dark wood-framed tilted mirror hangs by chains on the wall parallel to their table. Assembled by Mercanti and Gatto themselves, the pair marks it as their favourite object in the space, which they dub "gonzo chic".

"We found the chain on the street for $5 and the mirror is from Ikea, but it makes it look like it's a designer mirror because it's hung pretty cool," said Mercanti. Adds Gatto, "If you're creative, it's definitely a good spot to be in because we have a lot of random objects in here that usually wouldn't go together, but we've made them work together."

And together, Mercanti said the friends have made their space into a home, but with an industrial feel that's appropriate to create in.

"It also feels like you're in a bat cave where you can do work and your mind can wander," said Mercanti, glancing at the bat they spray-painted on a nearby concrete wall. "If you were doing work in your home a lot, it might feel like it's a little bit too homey. Here, I feel very inspired."

Items

- To browse and purchase items from Michael Mercanti's jewelry line, visit his website at ssspeech.com

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Some facts on Leon's History

The company was founded by Ablan Leon, an immigrant from Lebanon, in 1909. It started as a dry goods store. Ablan quickly realized the benefit of higher profit margins when a passerby offered to buy a mattress that was delivered to Ablan's store as a wedding gift for his son.

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Seen here is a shot of the inside of Leon's new downtown showroom in the John Street Roundhouse.

After 100 years, Leo

Historic John Street Roundhouse gets a fashionable injection from a leader in Canadian home furnishings

It's another first for one of Canada's most innovative retailers. Leon's Furniture — the Canadian home furnishings retail chain celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year — has opened a unique furniture store in Toronto's historic John Street Roundhouse, a semi-circular structure built in the late 1920s and formerly used by Canadian Pacific to service steam passenger locomotives.

Completed as part of a $25 million rejuvenation of the Roundhouse area, Leon's Roundhouse location introduces a brand new retail concept — the country's first large downtown, urban store offering 40,000 square feet of modern furniture, electronics and appliances on one floor.

While shopping, customers can enjoy the most spectacular vistas of Toronto, relax in Leon's new in-store café, and enjoy special events such as celebrity chef demonstrations and interior design and home entertainment seminars.

Consumers can experience this unique shopping destination while knowing they are supporting a retailer that is dedicated to advancing environmental conservation, historical preservation, and community involvement.

A showcase like no other

The open-concept upscale loft atmosphere of Leon's at the Roundhouse will appeal to urban dwellers and history buffs alike, and was created thanks to the innovation of many people: Heritage architects, IBI Group; Leon's architects, Turner Fleischer; mechanical and electrical engineer consultants, MCW; interior design consultants, Danielle Josette Design; LEED consultants, Green Reason Inc.; and the John Street Roundhouse Development Corporation. Every effort was made to preserve the curved Roundhouse building — complete with 32ft high ceilings, wooden beams, floor-to-ceiling windows, and train-track foundation — while balancing the requirements of the Leon's Furniture store.

The Roundhouse and its stunning views of the Toronto skyline are showcased almost as much as the furniture within this one-of-a-kind building. Every fixture is clamped in place to ensure the historic wooden framing is not compromised, and the unique poured and polished concrete floor can be lifted without harm to the retired train tracks below.

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Painted hardwood, laminates, concrete: Floors

Acid-stained concrete. Vintage hardwood, painted ultra-white or shimmering black. High-tech, eco-friendly laminates in a wild array of textures and colours.

The options for fashionable flooring are endless these days, says designer Brian Patrick Flynn, and even the most cutting-edge styles don't have to break your budget.

In many homes, floors are the design element most likely to be ignored. But they can be the perfect place to add glamour.

Flynn and fellow designers Janine Carendi and Mallory Mathison comment on what's new, what's hot and what's timeless in flooring:

Faking it

Love the look of wood floors but can't pay for something that involves days of installation, sanding and finishing? Flynn recommends pre-finished laminate floors that mimic the look of exotic hardwoods.

"These are tongue and groove 'quick click' systems that only require a table saw to cut end pieces to size," he says.

Panels can be installed quickly because they rest over the existing floor ("floating" is the industry term) and don't have to be nailed down.

"You can do an entire kitchen in three hours," he says.

"The directions are super-easy to follow. You simply put down foam underlay over your existing floor, as long as it is level, and then lay down each piece and stagger the lines."

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Concrete floors with a wet look finish to add glamour.

Flynn says the newest laminates are quite stylish. "My favourite one right now is a grey-toned line from Armstrong that has a high-gloss finish."

"You can't replace the warmth and texture a wood floor gives you."
Designers Janine Carendi

The cost is considerably lower than real wood. The downside: You're stuck with the style you've chosen.

Because laminate isn't real wood, laminate floors can't be stripped and re-stained a different shade a decade from now. Carendi also points out that some laminates don't wear well in the long term.

Classic Hardwood

If you have the money and time, installing hardwood is the best choice, say these designers. Installation and re-staining can be expensive and messy, but the results are worth it.

"You can't replace the warmth and texture a wood floor gives you," Carendi says. Many homeowners are now using hardwoods throughout the house, even in kitchens and bathrooms.

In homes with scuffed or faded hardwood, Mathison suggests painting it. Re-staining a damaged hardwood floor can draw attention to imperfections, but painting often brings out the charm of aged wood.

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From the beginning to online shopping
A mattress was the item that launched Leon's Furniture and coincidentally, a mattress was the first item sold online. Leon's opened the first "big box" furniture outlet in Canada in Toronto in 1973. Leon's was one of the first Canadian furniture retailers to establish a franchise division in 1983.

n's comes full circle

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Leon's even revised the landlord's original plan for a mezzanine in order to preserve the building's spectacular sightlines of the city. Quite remarkably, the refurbishment of the Leon's space has been achieved without altering or compromising the building in any way.

And it's all been done with the environment in mind. Leon's believes that its Roundhouse location will be the first large furniture and appliance store in North America to be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified.

"Some downtowners are already shopping at one of our suburban locations but many others simply can't get there ... Leon's Roundhouse offers ease of access without a car."

Leon's President and CEO Terry Leon

Continual Evolution

"Leon's Roundhouse project is part of the continual evolution of Leon's, catering to the diversity of our customers," says Terry Leon, President and CEO, Leon's Furniture Ltd. "Some downtowners are already shopping at one of our suburban locations but many others simply can't get there. As a result, Leon's Roundhouse offers ease of access without a car — which is both convenient and environmental — and an affordable, stylish furniture destination that prides itself on offering good value, good selection and great service."

Leon's Roundhouse benefits from a convenient, downtown location with lots of local parking and easy access to the TTC, but from a furniture perspective, Leon's sees this as an opportunity to demonstrate to a whole new audience that value is about more than just money; and that it is possible to combine good value with modern style and design.

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The new showroom features 40,000 square feet of modern furniture, electronics and appliances on one floor.

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s, long ignored in design, can exude glamour

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Flynn agrees: "If you have tons of dings and divots, paint makes the imperfections look cool. And paint makes the lines of the wood more pronounced and kind of creates a nice, linear architecture in the floor."

Painting a wood floor is easy, Mathison says, and a great way to add a burst of colour or create a dramatic effect. "A high-gloss black looks amazing," she says, "or you could create patterns just with painters tape or stencils."

One variation on traditional hardwood: Hardwood veneers, made from a thin layer of real hardwood attached to boards made of engineered wood or pressboard. They're less expensive and can be easier to install than real hardwood.

Carpets, rugs and tile

Area rugs are popular in many shapes and textures, and Carendi says even indoor/outdoor rugs can be surprisingly attractive: "If you have kids or dogs or a high-traffic area, you can clean them easily."

Flynn is a fan of Flor tiles — modular squares with a carpet-like texture. "You can configure your own design on the website and then it arrives a few days later in what appears to be a super-size pizza box," he says. "The best thing overall is the durability factor. If you happen to spill red wine on one of the tiles, you simply replace the one tile rather than having to completely replace the entire room or area. You can even take the tiles to the sink and rinse them with water and find that most accidents will disappear." Renters and homeowners can move them from one room to another with little effort.

Two things these designers are seeing less of: Wall-to-wall carpeting and porcelain tile. "You see porcelain tile mainly in laundry rooms," Mathison says, "but not much elsewhere."

Concrete

One of the things that makes urban loft apartments fashionable, Flynn says, is concrete floors. They can be casual or high-style, and are nearly indestructible.

"I refer to concrete as the ideal floor for the commitment-phobic because the possibilities for customizing it are endless," he says. "Matte concrete can be absolutely beautiful and really allows treasured pieces to shine, since there is no sheen on the ground competing with sheen on furniture or accessories. Lately, my favourite finish for concrete floors is a high-gloss clear coat. This gives the concrete a wet look that really helps reflect light around the space."

One trend all three designers have noticed: "You see fully recycled 'green' flooring now," Mathison says. "Every single major company is moving toward having a huge portion of their products be green-friendly."

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For a fresh, clean look designer Brian Patrick Flynn painted the wood plank floors of this small bathroom ultra white.

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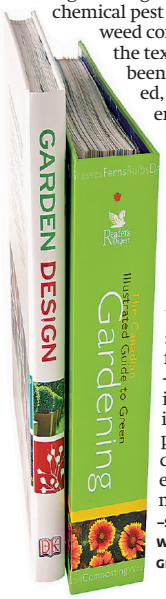
The new 'design bible'

GARDEN DESIGN (LEFT) Chris Young, Dorling Kindersley Ltd., $45 Six of the U.K.'s hottest garden designers collaborated to produce what is widely being touted as "a new design bible." The gorgeous photographs inside are accompanied by clear, step-by-step instructions intended to see your design project through from beginning to end.

How to garden the 'green' way

THE CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO GREEN GARDENING (RIGHT) Trevor Cole and Fern Marshall Bradley, Consultants, The Reader's Digest, $49.95 The latest Canadian edition of this British gardening guide is focused on gardening without chemical pest and weed controls; the text has been updated, and is enhanced by new illustrations. The book is made in a three-ring binder-style format — the idea being that pages can be easily removed.

–STEPHEN WESTCOTT-GRATTON



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Notable flora

The Water Hyacinth

BENEFITES The water hyacinth helps control algae by absorbing nitrogen and other nutrients. John Derksen, head of research at Lethbridge College's Aquaculture Centre of Excellence in Alberta, has been using water hyacinths to remove excess nutrients and waste from intensive fish culture, and to purify the water used in the aquaculture program. Research has also shown that the plant's fibrous roots can absorb harmful metals such as arsenic, cadmium and zinc. Size 45 cm Cultivation Full sun Zone Tropical; not recommended for Zone 8 and warmer, as it is invasive.

–LORRAINE FLANIGAN

Notable fauna

The spotted camel cricket

BUG Living beneath loose bark or in caves, spotted camel — or cave — crickets reach 10 to 19 millimetres in length and have a humpbacked appearance. They are light brown with dark or reddish brown mottled spots, and have notably large hind legs for jumping. Emerging at night, the camel cricket will feed upon fungi, foliage, fruit and even dead insects. Unlike true crickets, neither the males nor females produce any sounds.

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Some safety in motion
If you're leaving town, motion detectors are useful at deterring would-be thieves as well. Make sure these are working and that bulbs are not burned out. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Leave town without a worry

HomeScape

Going camping or cottaging for a week or two is a summer tradition for many families. If you're lucky, you can go for more than a couple of weeks. Lazing about, relaxing, swimming, sunning, barbecuing, ahh.

But wait a minute. Before you get too comfortable, did you remember to cancel the newspaper or is a pile of newsprint blowing all over your yard at home? Is your mailbox stuffed to overflowing while you cavort at some lovely northern lake? Is your normally well-kept city lawn starting to look like waist-high prairie grasses waving in the wind?

If so, consider this: Everybody knows you're not at home. And this is like an invitation to those who would be tempted to help themselves to whatever might be of interest in your home.

The trick is, of course, to make it look like you are at home when you are not. Cancel your papers, and ask a neighbour to pick up mail and flyers for you. The last thing you want is papers lying around your door practically broadcasting your absence. An unmowed lawn can also give you away, so arrange for someone to cut it if you're gone away more than a week.

Use timers on lights, and set different times in different rooms. Leave curtains open to avoid that "left town" look. Turn down or turn off telephone ringers that can deliver a "not home" message to anybody who hears it from outside. Timers on TVs or radios can help create an illusion of someone being at home. Radio talk shows can be effective at creating the sound of a conversation in a house.

Keeping a car in your driveway when you're not home can be a good deterrent to would-be criminals looking to loot your place.

Keep a car parked in the driveway, or ask a relative or a friend who lives nearby if they could leave their car parked in your driveway while you're gone. Another way to create the illusion of "being home" is to have your neighbour (and you'd better be very nice to them from now on) take your trash or recyclables to the curb on garbage pickup day and remove it in the evening. (This is, providing your city workers are not on strike.)

Ask family or good friends who live close to visit periodically, water the plants, check the house and just take a look-around.

"Use timers on lights, and set different times in different rooms. Leave curtains open to avoid that 'left town' look."

Also tell a trusted neighbour that you'll be going away and for how long. Tell them about any planned visitors to your house (such as your walk-around relatives or friends) during your absence. Give them your number while you're away in case of an emergency. Giving them a key might not be a bad idea either, in case they need to get into the house to check, for instance, a fire alarm that is sounding.

While these kinds of precautions will create a lived-in look, other things are just security-minded reminders. Thieves, like the rest of us, are attracted to easy jobs. It's worth the trouble to make their work more difficult — maybe they'll just pass.

When you go away, make sure windows are locked, and use a wooden strip in sliding tracks for extra security. Double check that doors are locked, preferably using deadbolt locks. And since garages sometimes offer easy access into a home, make sure you garage door is locked and secure.

Lastly, you might consider home alarm systems, as they make your home a less likely target for thieves. Plus some insurance companies offer a discount on property insurance if you install a monitored system.

And once you've secured the home base, you can truly relax and enjoy that well-deserved vacation away from home.

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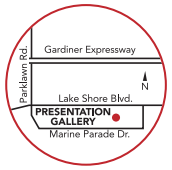

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Don't be afraid of Greek wines

There was a time when Greece was at the cutting edge of the arts, mathematics, philosophy and, yes, winemaking. Keep in mind: This is the country that gave birth to Dionysus, the mythological god of wine and merriment.

Today, Greeks all over the world still revel in and revere their homegrown wines, which are no longer treated with pine resin before bottling. What's more, more international grapes are being planted instead of local varieties with unpronounceable names.

State-of-the-art equipment is replacing ancient tools, and modern winemaking is in the hands of men and women trained at wine colleges. The biggest change, though, may be the growing awareness in the rest of the world of the good-value red and white wines from the cradle of civilization.

They may have unpronounceable names, but Greek wines also have a lot to offer.

The key players

Despite our multicultural heritage, most Canadians tend to shy away from Greek wines in large part because the names on the labels are completely foreign to them. But it's pretty easy to learn a few key buzzwords, and once you do, you'll be way ahead in the game. As with most countries, it all boils down to grapes and their origins.

More and more, international varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Sauvignon Blanc are appearing on labels. However, there are also many traditionalist winemakers who promote wines created from native varieties, as well as modernists who prefer to blend the two.

Agiorghitiko (pronounced ah-yor-ye'-tee-ko): Greece's signature red — what Carmenère is to Chile and Zinfandel is to California. With flavours of red fruits and baking spices, and a smooth, satiny finish, it's hard to dislike. This red is great with most grills, roasts and stews. Modern blends with Cabernet Sauvignon have more body.

Assyrtico/Assyrtiko: A white grape grown on the island of Santorini that delivers a wallop of powerful fruit flavours, together with bracing minerality. It's amazing with grilled fish.

Kotsifali and Mandelaria: The two primary red grapes of Crete are frequently blended to compensate for each other's shortcomings. Kotsifali has a pale colour and light body but is very fruity. Mandelaria is deeply coloured, tough and slightly vegetal on its own. When the two grapes are combined, the results can be rather exceptional.

Mavrodaphne: Of minor interest for now as a dry wine, but when turned into a sweet, fortified dessert wine, the results are extraordinary. Tastes of raisins, dates and figs. Delicious with pastries, butter tarts, pecan pie and almond biscotti.

Moschophilero/moschofilero: Particular to the Mantinia region, the sublime pink-skinned, white variety yields wines of delicacy and fine aroma. Sometimes blended with Roditis, which adds body.

Roditis/rhoditis: A widely planted white grape that develops elegant grass and citrus aromas like those of Sauvignon Blanc.

Xynomavro/Xinomavro: The tannic black grape of Naoussa. Traditionalists use the variety on its own, while modernists blend it with Merlot to boost fruit, body, softness and charm.

So when next you see a Greek wine, don't be afraid to try it out.

–BY KONRAD EJBICH

The whole story online
For the Robyn Young's entire saga of buying her first home, check out Metronews.ca.

Strike throws wrench in home hunt

Buying a **Home**

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Metro reporter Robyn Young recently got into and out of a loft purchase in just one week. Just as she started to imagine life in her new digs, issues arose about the closing date.

Metro reporter Robyn Young will be taking readers on a whirlwind tour of the trials and tribulations of buying her first home. Check back every week for her accounts.

In a classic first-timer's move (or at least that's what I've been telling myself), I recently got into and out of a condo purchase all in the span of a week.

Flipping through the Saturday morning paper one weekend I spotted an ad that piqued my interest.

It touted a brand new loft conversion in a lovely neighbourhood on the subway line where I'd always dreamed of living.

"Move in August 2009!" it stated.

Before I knew it, my mom and I were off to explore this great opportunity.

Just as I had imagined, it was a beautiful old building with the original brickwork and detailing on the outside and all the modern finishes on the inside.

With only about half the units sold and all sitting built, decorated and waiting to be lived in, I was like a kid in a candy shop seduced by the shiny newness of it all.

Within an hour I'd picked the unit I wanted — which was a little on the small side at only 555 square feet, and didn't have a door on the bedroom — but the price was good and imagine how cool I'd be in my new digs!

We went through the whole process including signing on the dotted line and handing over several thousand dollars in a personal cheques.

But somewhere near the end of the deal, while I scribbled my last sets of initials, the salesman dropped the bomb: The closing date, slated for the end of August, may be pushed back because of a zoning issue waiting to be "rubber stamped" by City Hall.

Essentially, the developers were still waiting for the property to be approved for residential use.

At first it seemed a minor issue because Mr. Salesman mentioned it so nonchalantly near the end of the transaction.

He assured me the approval was all but complete when the city strike threw a wrench into the timeline.

If anything, he said, closing will be pushed to early September.

As I began telling friends and family about my exciting new purchase, the red flags started to fly.

"That's weird," a few people said as I tried to remain positive about the predicament I'd gotten myself into.

"Why would they sell the units if it's not even approved for residential use yet?" my boyfriend asked.

Good point.

I spent the next week utterly stressed but determined to live in my lovely new loft — even though, as I mentioned somewhere near the beginning of my house hunt, I'm not even a fan of lofts.

Fortunately, when you buy new, there's a statutory 10-day "cooling off" time called a recission period that allows buyers to re-evaluate their purchase.

During my 10 days, I contacted a lawyer who went through the purchase agreement and warned me the vendor could extend the closing date up to three months.

This would mean not getting into my shiny new loft until just before Christmas.

After some good hard thinking I decided it wasn't worth the risk.

"So you've given in to your conservative side," the salesman teased annoyingly when I called to back out of my purchase.

He continued trying to sell me on it saying that at most, I'd only have to wait three additional months and when I've finally got this great space to live, I wouldn't even remember the wait.

I suppose, I thought, and I'm sure someday it will be a beautiful home for some lucky people someday, but with the pace of City Hall even at the best of times, who knows when that day will be. I decided I'd leave the excitement to someone else and keep searching.

"'So you've given in to your conservative side,' the salesman teased annoyingly when I called to back out of my purchase."

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Build a nest to boost hummingbirds

Backyard bird watching is a fairly simple exercise. Provide enough food, water and cover, and birds will come flocking. Playing favourites, though, calls for using the right kinds of incentives.

Hummingbirds, for example, will linger longer if you offer nesting material to help cushion their pea-size eggs.

"Goldfinches and titmice go for it, too. Lots of birds," said Mel Toellner, whose company, Songbird Essentials in Mexico, Mo., makes a fluff-stuffed enclosure called the "Hummer Helper." Instead of hunting for filler — primarily spider webs or moss — hummingbirds can pick up what they need from this device.

"It's the nesting equivalent of stopping at a McDonald's," Toellner said. "Hummingbirds will return to the same place year after year when they find a situation they like. These units help build high-density populations."

Hummingbirds fledge as many as three broods per season, so Toellner suggests placing nest-building kits near feeders. The containers are priced at around $12 US; refills of the natural, oil-rich cotton cost about $6.

Another way to attract hummingbirds is to signal that food is available.

"Hummingbirds react favourably to the colour red, so wrap some bright red ribbons around trees or poles where scouts can see them" during the spring migration, Toellner said. "The birds will come down to investigate."

Hummingbirds survive chiefly on a liquid diet, preferably high-energy syrup from flowers or feeders. Nectars can be colour free, but the foraging is made easier if feeders are red.

Mourning doves, cardinals, blue jays, towhees and juncos are among the many bird species that prefer feeding from the ground or from platform feeders.

"Spread a little cracked corn or millet on the ground," said Elaine Cole, president of Cole's Wild Bird Products Co. in Kennesaw, Ga. "I emphasize just a little, however, because it could get wet and become a source of mould or contamination. Platform feeders with screens on them are a better alternative than simply throwing feed on the ground. It often spoils before the birds can eat it."

Some other wild bird magnets:

Moving water

This can range from the sound of a small waterfall, refreshing spray from a mister or the sight of ripples across a pond. Electric- or solar-powered pumps can also keep water fixtures free of scum and mosquitoes. The water should be changed regularly or at least every other day during hot weather. Immersion heaters keep birdbaths clear of ice in winter.

Fruit, jams and jellies

"My No. 1 selling feeder is a jelly feeder," Toellner said. "Jelly will bring up orioles, mockingbirds and catbirds to feed." The plastic apparatus fits on top of jelly jars and provides a place to perch.

Protein-rich worms

Look to bait shops for a steady supply of live meal worms or wax worms.

A few fruit-filled pie pans tossed onto the ground will collect insects. "Use fleshy fruits like peaches, guavas and bananas for this," Toellner said.

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This photo shows a Hummer Helper. If you want to play favorites while bird watching, you may need some incentives, like providing some nest building material, like this.

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"The fruit flies will come for the fruit and the birds will come for the small insects."

Super-size it

Elongated suet feeders provide support for woodpeckers, which tend to use their strong tails for balance as they eat. These feeders generally hold two suet cakes, one basket on each side of a board.

Where and how you feed wild birds can be just as important as what you feed them, especially if you're trying to attract just a few favoured species.

Encourage small birds, for instance, by putting up specialty feeders that restrict access.

"Wood feeders with vertical bars and feeders covered with wire mesh frustrate the larger birds," a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fact sheet says. "Tube feeders without trays also restrict access to small birds. Remove the perches and you've further selected only those birds capable of clinging — finches, chickadees, titmice and woodpeckers. Add vertical perches to tube thistle (nyjer) feeders and you'll limit accessibility primarily to the goldfinches."

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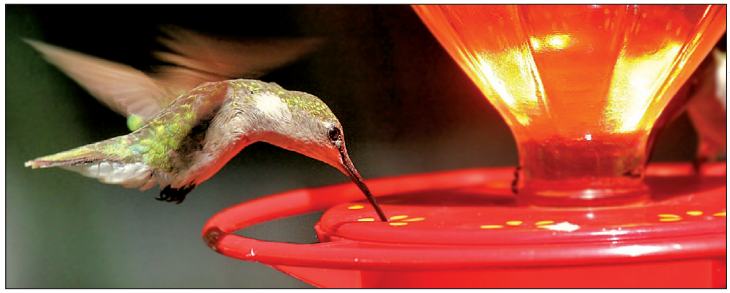

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This photo shows a hummingbird feeding. Hummingbirds survive on a liquid diet, primarily nectar from flowers or feeders, and are attracted to the colour red.

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You must know thy mortgage

After weeding through the seemingly billions of properties available in the GTA and finally deciding on a place of residence, buyers are often flustered when they're faced with deciding upon the best mortgage plan.

While this step should actually occur beforehand — as I personally exercise with each of my friends and clients — suffice it to say that it must be done. Here are a few insights.

In most instances, first time benefits aside, you should be looking at five per cent down or 20 per cent down, the rationale being that there are better places to put your money, as the insurance premiums between five per cent and 19 per cent are not so significant that they cannot be more than recuperated through modest investment. Does that mean anyone who puts down 14 per cent is wrong? Certainly not. It only means that, ideally, you have better places to put that extra money, and if you don't you may wish to make that your next goal in your investment portfolio after the purchase of your home/condo. Some circumstances logically necessitate as large a down payment as possible, even if that down payment falls below the 20 per cent threshold (set by CMHC, determining whether you're liable to pay mortgage insurance). For instance, under the RRSP contribution plan, pulling as much out of your RRSP's, up to $20,000 per person, makes most sense as the money is tax free.

"In terms of payment structure — weekly, monthly, bi-weekly, accelerated, etc. My recommendation is to align your payments with your pay cheque and utilize automatic withdrawals. It makes most sense from all respects; convenience, practicality, and comprehension. most important is your pre-approval and, more specifically, when you actually get it done. Consider this your licence to actively shop for a new home. "

Then there's the question of fixed versus variable interest rates. This, in my book, is a personal preference dependant on one's personality, granted that the ability to lock into a fixed is guaranteed at any time, and at the existing standard rate. If you're actively involved in the economics of our marketplace you should know when interest rates are going up and you can choose to lock in if you see fit. On the other hand, as is my recommendation to most buyers, the fixed rate represents security and comfort, at the expense of saving some money on interest.

Finally there is the payment structure — weekly, monthly, bi-weekly, accelerated, etc. My recommendation is to align your payments with your pay cheque and utilize automatic withdrawals. It makes most sense from all respects; convenience, practicality, and comprehension. There is much to discuss when it comes to the differences between types of payments, their advantages and disadvantages, that stretch beyond the confines of this space.

Perhaps most important is your pre-approval and, more specifically, when you actually get it done. Consider this your licence to actively shop for a new home. The rationale is simple — avoid possible disappointment. The last thing you need is to fall in love with a home only to find that it's outside your comfort zone. On the other hand, in many circumstances you may think your price range is capped at a certain price then be pleasantly surprised to learn that you can afford more. You should get that pre-approval done at the first step of considering a new house/condo purchase if for no other reason than to lock in a guaranteed low interest rate.

For any questions on anything discussed herein, or on real estate in general, feel free to email Amit at amitp@rogers.com.

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Identification hassles

LegalMatters

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Q I recently purchased a home and I thought I was being interrogated by my lawyer with respect to who I was, and proving my identity with photo identification. What is this all about?

A In recent months there has been a large push by different organizations for lawyers to go to some lengths to identify their clients. Gone are the days that you just brought your money in and the keys to your new castle were yours.

The first organization that is requesting that lawyers positively identify their client(s) is the financial institution. Due to mortgage fraud, even with fake identification, mortgagees are forcing lawyers to request photo identification from their clients. The two best pieces of identification are a valid Ontario drivers licence and a valid Canadian passport. Other pieces of useful identification could be a permanent resident card, a birth certificate or a Canadian citizenship card. Ontario health cards cannot be used as identification (I think due to the fact that there are so many fraudulent cards that are circulating). Some institutions are going so far as to having the lawyer ascertain the occupation of the client.

Another organization that has been expressing concern about client identification is the Law Society of Upper Canada. For a variety of reasons, they have been communicating with their members the importance of knowing their clients better. One of the concerns is with respect to money laundering while another is the overall increase in fraud by clients against unsuspecting lawyers.

A third set of organizations that are concerned of a lawyer's client are the title insurance companies. These are the businesses that insure real estate transactions and bear the cost of repairing title if, for example, mortgage fraud has been committed on an insured property.

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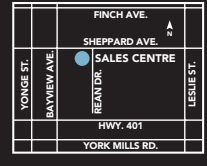

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Cause of Jackson's death 'deferred'

With toxicology tests still being conducted, Michael Jackson's cause of death is listed as "deferred" on his official death certificate, which was issued Tuesday, the same day as his private funeral and public memorial. **PEOPLE.COM**

Entertainment

Dinner in Paris

Britney Spears treated her boys Sean, 3, and Jayden, 2, to dinner at the Eiffel Tower Tuesday in Paris. "Just had dinner with my boys at the Eiffel Tower," she wrote on Twitter. "So beautiful." USMAGAZINE.COM

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Alberta's infectious rural roots

Rural Alberta Advantage

Album: Hometowns
Label: Saddle Creek/Outside
Rating: ●●●●½

LISTEN TO THE Rural Alberta Advantage and you'll likely feel two things: Refreshed and inspired. This Toronto band — singer Nils Edenloff hails from Edmonton — delivers a fascinating listen, combining rollicking indie rock and barn burning roots with non-stop percussion. Edenloff doesn't have the cleanest voice, but his forceful, scratchy pipes, and the album's lo-fi recording, makes this listen much more immediate. The subject matter isn't original; songs about home, in this case Alberta, is so Canadian, but they avoid nostalgia, making this an easily relatable record. Definitely one of the most infectious albums of the year.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Cana-

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Son Volt

Album: American Central Dust
Label: Rounder
Rating: ●●●½

da **SON VOLT PUTS** away the psychedelic effects and delivers a straight up slice of rootsy, well-crafted Americana. Singer-guitarist Jay Farrar writes songs for rust belt victims, lost cowboys and sailors aboard sinking ships. And he gets extra points for being able to pen an empathetic song (Cocaine and Ashes) about Keith Richard's grotesque admission that he snorted his father's crematory ashes. It's that kind of twisted sentiment that keeps this Illinois-based band a cut above most of the other alt-country outfits out there.

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LeE HARVeY OsMOND

Album: Quiet Evil
Label: Latent
Rating: ●●●●

da **TOM WILSON CALLS** it "acid folk," a fitting description for music that will lull you into nightmare land. Wilson's voice is not just haunting, it's spooky. These tracks were hatched in a more-or-less spontaneous collaboration in the Cowboy Junkies' backyard garage between Wilson (Junkhouse/Blackie and the Rodeo Kings), Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) and Josh Finlayson (Skydiggers). They called in friends like Margo Timmins, Suzie Vinnick and Brent Titcomb as needed. The end product is eight original songs that take you to happy places like the Parkland hospital in Dallas on the day Kennedy was killed. And just to drive home the quietly evil point, they've added two covers — David Wiffen's Lucifer's Blues and The Velvet Underground's I Can't Stand It. Outstanding.

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Hometowns is the new album from Rural Alberta Advantage.

Maxwell

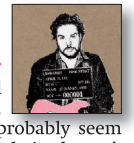
Album: BLACKsummers' night
Label: Sony Music
Rating: ●●●

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

FOR HIS FIRST studio outing in eight years, Maxwell continues to push an encouraging trend in contemporary R&B circles, returning to old school seductive soul in the style of Marvin Gaye and Al Green. The Brooklyn native has the voice for it, demonstrating a note-bending falsetto that, at times, rivals that of Aaron Neville. Yet, there's a banality to the "I've-got-a-Jones-for-you" lyrics that holds this record back. The true star here is the work of producer Hod David and his remarkable band, driven by a three-part horn section and the fluttering organ of Shedrick Mitchell. Maxwell would be wise to keep the band together for the next two installments in this promised trilogy.

Bahamas

Album: Pink Strat
Label: Arts & Crafts/EMI
Rating: ●●●½



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YOU MAY NOT have heard of Bahamas, but you've probably seem him play — he's the guitarist in Feist's band. On his debut, Afie Jurvanen delivers a delicate collection of honest tracks about broken hearts. It's a quiet blend of subtle roots, soulful pop and gentle melodies, and while it treads on the sleepy side at times, this is mostly a warm and engaging summer record. There's a lot to like here, but the gorgeous acoustic tune Sunshine Blues should be played around the cottage camp-

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The Lost song
The producers of Lost are inviting fans to write a theme song for the ABC series. The winning tune will probably never actually appear on the show, but will have an exclusive debut performance at the San Diego Comic-Con later this month. TVGUIDE.COM

Jackson doctor speaks out

Dermatologist says he never gave star powerful sedatives

Michael Jackson's dermatologist said he had sedated the pop star in the past for painful medical procedures but had never given him dangerous sedatives like Propofol to use.

"I was not one of the doctors who participated in giving him overdoses of drugs or too much of anything," Dr. Arnold Klein said in an interview that aired Wednesday on ABC's Good Morning America. In fact, I was the one who limited everything, who stopped everything."

Investigators looking into the cause of Jackson's death have honed in on drugs that were administered to the insomniac musician. The powerful sedative Diprivan, also known as Propofol and usually administered by anesthesiologists in hospitals, was found in Jackson's home, according to a law enforcement official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person wasn't authorized to comment about the matter.

Any drugs he used with Jackson were on very mild levels, Klein said. "How am I going to prescribe Diprivan when I don't know how to use it?" he said.

Klein said he saw Jackson three days before he died on June 25. In response to rumours that the musician was dangerously thin at the time of his death, Klein said he saw nothing to make him worry.

Klein also said that Jackson was "at the hands of plastic surgeons who didn't know when to stop" and that he viewed his face as a piece of art.

Still, Klein said he was always concerned about Jackson because he knew that whatever he wanted, he could always find someone to give it to him.

The saga surrounding Jackson's death will continue past Tuesday's memorial service in Los Angeles, watched by millions around the world.

Despite the presence of stars like Stevie Wonder, Mariah Carey and Kobe Bryant, the emotional speech by Jackson's 11-year-old daughter, Paris-Michael, was the memorial's most "Ever since I was born, Daddy has been the best father I could imagine," Paris-Michael said, dissolving into tears and turning into the arms of her aunt Janet Jackson.

Custody of Jackson's three children is one of the big legal issues still unresolved. In his 2002 will, Jackson made his wishes clear — his children should remain under the care of his mother, Katherine.

Debbie Rowe, the biological mother of Paris-Michael and her 12-year-old brother, Prince Michael, has indicated she may seek custody. The surrogate mother of Jackson's youngest child, seven-year-old Prince Michael II, is unknown. A custody hearing was scheduled for Monday.

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GETTY IMAGES

Michael Jackson's dermatologist said that the late pop star was "at the hands of plastic surgeons who didn't know when to stop."

Footing the bill

- The Los Angeles city attorney's office is investigating how the city can legally press third parties to pick up at least some of the costs for Michael Jackson's memorial service at the Staples Center. More than 17,000 fans attended the pop star's public memorial service on Tuesday. The event is estimated to cost up to $4 million US in overtime for hundreds of police officers and other services.

Neverland Ranch

China plans Neverland theme park

LEGACY China is reportedly planning to build its own version of Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch on an island near Shanghai.

The Shanghai Morning Post says the first phase of the project on Chongming Island will be completed within a year and will cover 667,000 square metres.

Named after the home of Peter Pan, Neverland Ranch was Jackson's whimsical retreat — replete with carnival rides, a coterie of animals, two trains and a Disney-like station.

The total cost of China's version is expected to be around $14.6 million US. The tribute to Jackson will include a man-made lake, cinema and a zoo.

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New Potter film debuts in London

Thousands of Harry Potter fans braved rain and hail Tuesday to cheer the cast of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince at its London premiere.

Stars Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint and other cast members, along with the boy wizard's creator, J.K. Rowling, walked up a soggy red carpet before the screening in Leicester Square.

The sixth Potter film, Half-Blood Prince sees Harry and his friends at Hogwarts school battling evil Lord Voldemort — and their raging teenage hormones.

Fans cheered the film's stars despite the weather, some holding placards reading "Harry, I'll be Your Chosen One" and "Britain Loves J.K. Rowling."

"I can't believe the dedication of the fans," said Tom Felton, who play's Harry's rival, Draco Malfoy, in the film.

Grint, who plays Ron Weasley, attended after recovering from a mild bout of swine flu. He said the illness was not severe and "just like any other flu I've had before."

The cast members wore white ribbons in memory of Rob Knox, a young actor on the film who was stabbed to death in London last year.

"He would have loved to be here," said Jessie Cave, who plays Ron's sometime love interest, Lavender Brown.

The movie opens around the world July 15.

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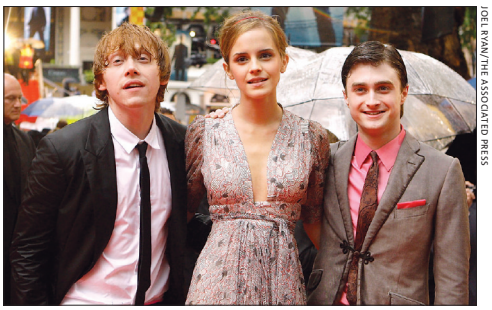

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Actors Daniel Radcliffe, right, Emma Watson, and Rupert Grint arrive for the world premiere of the new Harry Potter film.

Not done yet

- Two more films are in the works covering Rowling's final book in the series, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.

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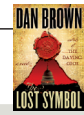
The September release of Dan Brown's new thriller, The Lost Symbol, will be preceded by a summer-long procession of "codes, cryptic trivia, puzzles, secret history, maps, aphorisms" and other daily teasers on Facebook and Twitter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Polanski's lawyers want ruling overturned

Lawyers for fugitive director Roman Polanski asked an appeals court Tuesday to overturn a judge's refusal to throw out a decades-old sex case.

Attorney Chad Hummel told the California Second District Court of Appeal that a Los Angeles judge wouldn't consider Polanski's case because the director had fled the country 31 years ago and has been living in France since then.

He wrote in a petition that Superior Court Judge Peter Espinoza refused to consider that Polanski "had been effectively forced to leave the jurisdiction in 1978 to avoid the imposition of a second illegal term of incarceration."

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Director Roman Polanski attends the premier of the film Brüno in Paris on June 15.

Hummel asserted that Espinoza relied on the fugitive disentitlement doctrine, which says fugitives are not entitled to the processes of the court as long as they remain at large, to avoid considering the underlying facts of the case, including allegations of misconduct by the judge in the sex case and a prosecutor assigned to his court.

"That there were clear violations of Mr. Polanski's constitutional rights is not seriously in question," the appellate brief said. Hummel urged the court to dismiss the case or assign it to another court.

"This case is one of the most notorious and high-profile criminal cases in our state's history," he wrote. "There is no reported case like it; it has lasted more than 30 years and has been infected from the outset by extraordinary misconduct."

Polanski, 75, pleaded guilty in 1977 to unlawful sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old girl and then fled to France. He recently sought dismissal on grounds of misconduct by the now-deceased judge who had arranged a plea bargain and then reneged on it. He risks arrest on a fugitive warrant if he returns to Los Angeles.

In exile, his film career has continued to flourish. He received a directing Oscar in absentia for the 2002 movie The Pianist.

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Norman Jewison, Rick Mercer will team up on new movie

FILM Canadian director Norman Jewison will direct a film inspired by his 1966 comedy The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming with the help of his son Michael and comic Rick Mercer.

Corus Entertainment, which is helping to fund the project, says the screenplay for High Alert is being co-written by Mercer and Ed Riche, while Michael Jewison is a producer.

The movie is among 19 films sharing $250,000 from the media company's Corus Made with Pay Fund. Other films include Sailor Girl, written by journalist Johanna Schneller and based on the Sheree-Lee Olson book, and Bear, based on Marian Engel's 1976 novel about the strange relationship that emerges between a woman and a bear.

Corus would not say how much money each film received and says they are in various stages of development "from treatment to polish."

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Bad Brüno, bad

Emil Brix, Austria's new ambassador to Britain, has called for a boycott of Sacha Baron Cohen's film Brüno because of its "cheap" jokes. The film follows Cohen as the eponymous gay Austrian fashionista trying to become a celebrity in the US. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Gosling's band signs record deal

MUSIC Canadian actor Ryan Gosling's goth-folk outfit, Dead Man's Bones, has signed a deal to release its debut album this year.

Gosling, 28, started the two-man band with friend Zach Shields and wrote music for a "monster-ghost love story," which was originally destined for a theatrical production. But the band ended up recording its songs about werewolves and broken-hearted zombies for an album, with producer Tim Anderson of L.A. indie rockers Ima Robot. The self-titled album is set for release Oct. 6 through Anti-Records.

Gosling is a native of London, Ont., and is best known for starring in films including The Notebook and Lars and the Real Girl. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BFF to Paris: I'm not that into you

Reality winner doesn't want to hang with Hilton — she wants to launch a perfume

MEL DARK
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Brittany Flickinger, winner of Paris Hilton's My New BFF, season one, is "over it."

Standing in Toronto's Betsey Johnson boutique, Flickinger has a confident air that says, "Let's get the effin' BFF questions out of the way, if you don't mind."

You get the impression this girl is more no-nonsense tough than pink fluff. With the help of bed head and a few squirts of hairspray, she's effortlessly achieved the rock star look. "My hair is gross and awesome. I love it." she says.

So, to get the BFF question out of the way. No — they are not still in contact. The "bestie" facade was short lived.

They're not party sidekicks, they're not shopping partners, they don't swap boy stories over sushi or call each other up in a drunken stupor at 3 a.m. End of.

According to Flickinger, Hilton's world is one big shallow party. Are we surprised? "It's going to take Paris a lot more BFF shows to find someone who'll tolerate her," she says.

Although the 24-year-old from Boston is currently based in LA, she's not yet acclimatized to the scene, preferring grittier cities like Chicago, NYC and of course, Toronto.

Since the show ended, Flickinger has become a celebrity in her own right, travelling the globe for a series of appearances and endorsements.

From the MTV Video Music Awards in Japan and Australia to an appearance at the MMVAs in Toronto, we caught up with her just before she left for the Calgary Stampede.

Asked if she's overwhelmed by all the attention, she replies, "Meh, not really." After all, she was a high fashion model for five years and went on to front a band in Las Vegas, so flash-happy photographers are no biggie.

Her primary goal is her music (look out for details of an upcoming collaboration). A fashion line is also on her wish list; outfits that scream "dirty indie kid." In her own words, "I like to take what a guy wears and change its shape into a sexy girl version." But she'd also like to try the acting thing. And a perfume would be great, of course.

So are there many contenders for Flickinger's BFF? Well, obviously. But she's only interested in "real" friends — the kind that take you off speaker phone once in a while.

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Brittany Flickinger, winner of Paris Hilton's My New BFF, season one, poses during a recent photo shoot in Toronto.

"It's going to take Paris a lot more BFF shows to find someone who'll tolerate her." Brittany Flickinger

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Big Brother 11

Julie Chen — "affectionately" known as the Chenbot to fans — returns for a new season of boors behaving badly, as a group of strangers apparently raised by wolves shares a high-tech house that affords them almost no privacy at all. Epic nastiness ensues by these (mostly) losers who think they're TV stars. If you still want to watch, we won't judge you. Well, we will, but we'll do it silently. 8 PM on GTV

Fleiss pleads guilty to drug charges

CELEB JUSTICE Former "Hollywood Madam" Heidi Fleiss has pleaded guilty to felony drug charges in Nevada, but will avoid a trip to prison. Nye County District Attorney Bob Beckett says Fleiss faces up to five years' probation after pleading guilty to unlawful use of methamphetamine and possession of the painkiller hydrocodone without a prescription. Sentencing is Sept. 15. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A ring for Bethenny
The Real Housewives of New York City regular Bethenny has a pre-engagement ring from her boyfriend of a less than a year, Jason Hoppy, eonline.com reports. A source says "the ring is a placeholder. But she is definitely getting married." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Tears flow in tweets during MJ memorial

MOURNED Jane Fonda, Yoko Ono and Paris Hilton logged on during Michael Jackson's memorial service to express their sadness at his death, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

A flurry of messages were posted on social networking site twitter.com during the emotional service at Los Angeles' Staples Center.

Fonda wrote, "Watching Usher sing to Michael's casket. Tears rolling down my cheeks."

Hilton added, "In tears watching the MJ Memorial Service on TV, so touching. Everyone loves you Michael!"

Nick Cannon even managed to update his website from the ceremony — where his wife Mariah Carey performed the Jackson 5 hit I'll Be There — writing, "A day of mourning. Here in the Staples Center, God is absolutely present."

Ono, whose late husband John Lennon was murdered in 1980, added, "Michael Jackson: Rest Well In Peace. We will always remember you and love you for what you were to us. With love."

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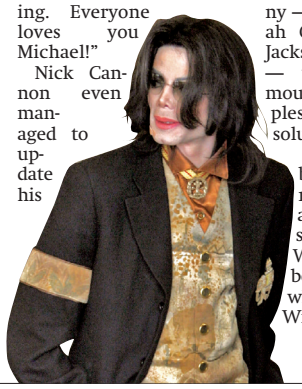

Fergie's nod to knot surprised Duhamel

OMG MOMENT Josh Duhamel is amazed Fergie agreed to marry him, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actor, who tied the knot with the Black Eyed Peas star earlier this year, says: "Sometimes it amazes me that she chose me."

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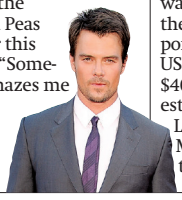

Jewels' value dropped

THE LILO CONNECTION The jewelry that went missing after a June 6 British magazine photo shoot starring Lindsay Lohan was worth a tenth of the value first reported — or, $38,500 US rather than the $400,000 initially estimated by London's Metropolitan Police — a spokesman for the force tells People.

The spokesman, who says the initial estimate was provided in good faith, adds that "inquiries are continuing" and there have been no arrests in the case. The jewelry is said to be from Dior, but the company has not confirmed that.

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Morissette toured with monkey

GOING APE Canadian rocker Alanis Morissette had an unlikely companion while touring Indonesia — a pet monkey she "borrowed" from a local in exchange for tickets to her show, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The animal lover was in the capital Jakarta when a young man offered to trade his pet for VIP access to an upcoming show in the city. Charmed by the hairy primate, Morissette admits she couldn't resist the opportunity to take on a travelling buddy.

She recalls, "A young gentleman had a monkey in his hands with a diaper ... And he said, 'If you want this animal, I'll give this animal to you but you have to give me tickets backstage.' He came everywhere with me."

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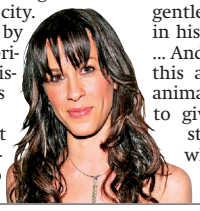

Beyonce eyeing Sister Act remake

HERE COMES THE NUN Beyonce Knowles is reportedly in talks to turn the Sister Act stage musical into a movie, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer caught a performance of the hit theatre show — based on the Whoopi Goldberg film of the same name — during her recent trip to London, and she was so taken by the performance, she's allegedly looking to remake it as a movie.

A source tells Britain's Daily Mail newspaper, "Beyonce has asked her representatives to persuade Disney to develop the show into a film vehicle for her. If this comes to pass, she would take on, in musical form, the part Whoopi Goldberg created in the 1992 Sister Act film, although the stage version moves the action from the West Coast to Philadelphia."

Goldberg's movie was a huge hit, grossing more than $192 million worldwide.

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Kardashian lauds Jacko's daughter

AT THE MEMORIAL Kim Kardashian says she couldn't keep her composure at Michael Jackson's memorial Tuesday in Los Angeles — especially when the late singer's daughter Paris, 11, took the stage, usmagazine.com reports. "I spoke at my dad's funeral & it was the hardest thing I've ever had to do," she tweeted. "I was shaking & crying & what Paris did was sooo soooo brave!" She continued, "Michael's children were so brave brave 2 stand there on stage & speak to the world about their father."

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Black Eyed Peas sued for plagiarism?

PARTY POOPER The Black Eyed Peas are reportedly being sued for plagiarism, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The group is apparently facing legal action over their track Party All the Time — which features on their latest album The E.N.D. — because parts of the record have an uncanny resemblance to Adam Freeland's record Mancry.

Celebrity blogger Perez Hilton writes: "The music apparently is a stolen sample of the song Mancry from the act Freeland.

"According to reports, Black Eyed Peas member and producer will.i.am was at an event last year where Freeland performed this song in question."

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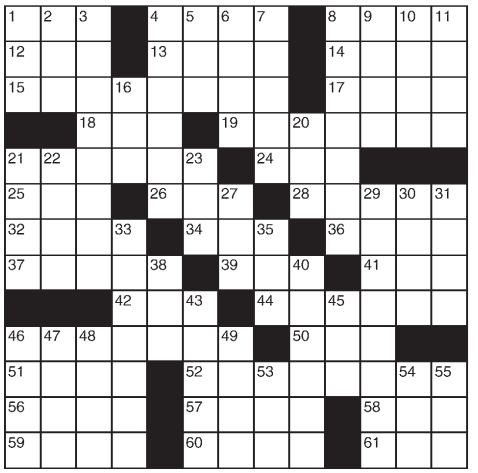

Crossword across

1 Crazed
4 Cabin components
8 Pushpin
12 Inventor Whitney
13Last write-up
14 Turkish bigwig
15 Active person
17 MRI forerunner
18 "A mouse!"
19 Cow catchers
21 Insignia
24 Fond du —, Wisc.
25 Court
26 "Uh-huh"
28 Birth-related
32 "Desire Under the —"
34 Peregrinate
36 Infant
37 Change your offer
39 Intimidate
41 Barbie's companion
42 Period
44 Highway stopovers
46 Patella
50 Lummox
51 Tittle
52 1950s dance resembling an elaborate patty-cake
56 Tart
57 Piece of work
58 By way of
59 Read quickly
60 Simple
61 Ostrich's cousin

Crossword down

1 Blanc or Brooks
2 "The Greatest"
3 Attack forcefully from above
4 Mellow
5 Sapporo sash
6 Y chromosome lacker
7 Filch
8 Urban transport
9 "Slumdog Millionaire" site
10 Converse
11 Kyser and Thompson
16 Moray, for one
20 Skedaddled
21 Ornamental pitcher
22 Double agent
23 Face
27 Atl. counterpart
29 Relax a bit
30 First victim
31 Photog's choice
33 Type of baseball pitch
35 Comic DeLuise
38 "What's up, —?"
40 "Give a hoot, don't pollute" owl
43 California-Nevada lake
45 Trump casino-hotel
46 Smooch
47 Cranny
48 Needle holder
49 One of the Three Bears
53 Greek consonants
54 Energy
55 Water (Fr.)

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		1				8		
		7	2		1	9		
5				3				7
	4	6	3		8	2	5	
	5	8	1		6	3	9	
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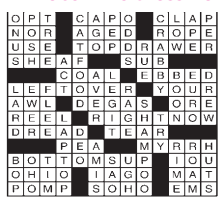
		3				5		

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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6	8	2	4	3	7	5	9	1
5	3	4	9	1	6	8	2	7
8	4	3	6	2	1	9	7	5
2	1	5	7	9	3	4	6	8
9	6	7	8	5	4	2	1	3

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

SARAH HOOPER

Chicken Flatbread

Submitted by Crystal Porter, Yarmouth, N.S.

INGREDIENTS:

4 pieces of multi grain flat bread (assuming pita)
2 cups cooked, chicken strips/pieces
4 tbsp Hummus (1 tbsp for each piece)
1 1/2 cups spinach uncooked
1/2 cup feta cheese (crumbled)
1/2 cheddar cheese (curls)
1 small onion or green onion finely diced
1 small tomato finely diced
1 carrot finely chopped
4 tsp chopped green olives (2 or three whole olives per flatbread)
1 tsp oregano

METHOD:

Spread 1 tbsp of Hummus on each piece of flat bread and distribute the rest of the ingredients evenly among all four pieces of flat bread.
• Optional: Vegetables can be prepared in a food processor, to cut down the amount of chopping.

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You may have to read the riot act to a so-called friend who has taken one too many liberties. Let them know what is at stake — your friendship for a start.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Make a point of encouraging friends and family members today. Don't — repeat, don't — make comments that are critical.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Today's Sun-Saturn aspect will put you in contact with someone who can help realize your goals. Take advantage of their friendship.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Not everyone will agree with what you are planning but what do you care about that? You don't need approval, you need boldness and ambition.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
No matter how badly someone may have treated you recently, if you don't move on it will be you who suffers. They're not worth getting worked up about.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you go over the same old ground in the same old way today you will most likely get the same old results. Try a different approach for a change.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Your drive and dedication will sweep away obstacles and get you to where you most want to be.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Are you thinking big? Are you aiming high? If not, you should be. Today you must, because there is so much at stake. It's time to move up in the world.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Once again you are standing on the sidelines while those of lesser talent are enjoying the applause and the rewards that should, by rights, be yours.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may be tempted to close your ears to something you don't want to know about but that could be dangerous.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You will understand why certain people were so determined to keep you in the dark. You can negotiate yourself a better deal.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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3. Disney Beauty's hollers (1)
4. "Actor Seth, meet wrestler Hulk" (2)
5. Coat or baggage attendant destroyer (2)
6. Composer Berlin veering (2)
7. Imbiber's pet skunks (2)

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